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**QUARTERLY POSTING OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS, NEEDS AND
INTERESTS**

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McKenzie River Broadcasting Co., Inc.

Each quarter, on January 10, April 10, July 10 & October 10, we place in our public inspection file a list of what are considered to be the most significant Problems, Needs and Issues of the Springfield-Eugene, Oregon, community.

Along with this list are the programs that were aired to deal with these problems, needs and issues.

ASCERTAINMENT METHODS

To ascertain these problems, needs and issues, McKenzie River Broadcasting Co., Inc., employs a Public Affairs Director who, within the natural course of news gathering, is made aware of problems, needs and issues in the community. The views of citizens of the community and civic leaders regarding community problems, needs and issues are also ascertained during meetings and interviews. Problems, needs and issues are also ascertained during interaction with members of the public.

PROGRAMMING

To air information about these problems, needs and issues, McKenzie River Broadcasting Co., Inc., relies on the following methods:

1. Bona Fide Newscasts: These include news stories and segments that target these problems, needs and issues.

Community Forum: This is a 15-30 minute weekly program that offers in-depth examinations of community problems, neeeeds and issues.

A Note About This Quarter's Top Issues

Two issues dominated our Second Quarter, 2020, public affairs and news programming: the most significant public health crisis of our lifetimes and a generational debate about racial equity and administration of justice.

On the matter of the spread of the coronavirus, we covered Lane County and Oregon's gradual "flattening of the curve" of infections that led to a slow reopening of most counties' economies. But we closed the quarter with growing surge in new cases that threaten to trigger the reimposition of various restrictions going forward. Our focus remained on sharing updated information from public health agencies, hospitals and local medical providers, as well as guidance from the governor and state health officials.

Unemployment surged to record high levels as state officials struggled to update their aging computer system to process not only hundreds of thousands of initial unemployment benefits claims but incorporate new federal programs providing added benefits for those workers as well as for contract, self-employed and "gig" workers. As the quarter ended, there still were Oregonians who had been jobless since mid-March but had not received their benefits.

With schools remaining closed through Spring Term, there remained much uncertainty about how and when to reopen classes in the fall and to what degree they would be taught in person. Parents, many of whom were unemployed and struggling to make ends meet, worked to assist their children with online learning and providing other activities.

In late May, local protests in the wake of the Minneapolis police killing of George Floyd attracted growing crowds of peaceful demonstrators, as well as small numbers of violent agitators. On Friday, May 29, into the early morning hours of Saturday, May 30, those violent agitators rioted near the intersection of 7th and Washington Streets, just northwest of downtown Eugene. They heavily vandalized and looted close to half-a-dozen businesses, setting a series of bonfires using items taken from the establishments and nearby neighborhood. Eugene's Police Chief said the next day the crowd and its violence expanded so quickly there was no safe way to deploy officers and protect businesses. But in the coming nights police prepared for the violent late-night activity and stepped up enforcement and arrests.

Meantime, much larger peaceful protests continued daily. And as was the case across the country, it spurred a renewed debate and multiple governmental and agency discussions about the administration of justice, the role of police, how they are funded and whether some of that funding should be shifted to agencies that specialize in mental health and social services, police "use of force" policies, and more.

We maintained our expanded coverage of the public health emergency and the growing debate over racial equity and the administration of justice at levels far beyond the scope of our weekly public affairs programming and daily newscasts. This included on-air discussions and extensive social media posts. We also answered hundreds of telephone calls and emails from listeners.

Our commitment to our communities remains strong and we consider ourselves a leader among local broadcast organizations in serving our listeners during these extraordinary times.

Tracy Berry
Public Affairs Director, McKenzie River Broadcasting

McKENZIE RIVER BROADCASTING 2Q, 2020, ISSUES LIST:

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Quarter	April 1 through June 30, 2020
	<i>*Note: Major breaking news stories during the quarter that fall under these categories will be added as is appropriate and reflected in daily news and public service postings</i>
1	<u>HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH:</u> COVID-19; Mental health; Opioid epidemic, drug abuse; Legal cannabis products; Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid) and CCOs, ACA battles; Prescription drug prices; Obesity, diabetes & healthy eating; Food and product recalls; Legal battles over abortion and reproduction; Women's health; Flu, STDs; Measles, other outbreaks, debate over vaccines; Immunizations; Environmental health, wildfire smoke, overall air quality; Safe water; Assisted suicide.
2-tie	<u>RACIAL JUSTICE, RACISM, BLACKS, LATINX, NATIVE AMERICANS, IMMIGRATION, CIVIL RIGHTS, CIVIL LIBERTIES, HUMAN RIGHTS, DISABILITIES, LEGAL, COMMUNITY, FAMILY, YOUTH, ELDERS, RELIGION, WOMEN, SEXUAL HARASSMENT:</u> Racial equality and administration of justice; Civil rights, Civil liberties; COVID-19; Older adults; Families and children; Youth programs & protection; Domestic-sexual violence; Immigration-DACA, LatinX community; LGBTQ; Fair housing; Privacy, cybersecurity; Religion, churches; Community and charitable events; Older adults; Pets, animal rights.
2-tie	<u>CRIME, SAFETY, POLICING, LAW ENFORCEMENT, ILLEGAL DRUGS:</u> Police funding and policing guidelines; Community enforcement, social service funding shift; protests, rioting; COVID-19; Drug & alcohol abuse, treatment; Mental health; Traffic safety; Human trafficking; Youth protection; School safety; Child abuse; Gangs; Cybersecurity; Severe weather, storms, natural disasters; Terrorism.
4	<u>SOCIAL SERVICES, LOW-INCOME, HOMELESSNESS:</u> COVID-19; Debate over police funding shifts to social services; Affordable housing; Homeless veterans, individuals, families, youth; Homeless "rest stops"; "The Working Poor"; Minimum wage and living wages; Community agencies; Mental health; Older adults: Protection, health, housing, finances.
5	<u>SCHOOLS, EDUCATION:</u> COVID-19; Home learning; Local-state budgets for higher ed, community colleges, K-12 education; College affordability; Curriculum, academic standards, student test results; Student honors; Student activism; Teacher contracts; New schools; Knight Science Complex.
6	<u>ECONOMY, BUSINESS, GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, UTILITIES, COLLEGE & PRO SPORTS, EVENTS:</u> COVID-19; Unemployment, workforce training; Rioting; Economy; Economic, downtown development, urban renewal, urban density; Affordable housing; UO-OSU Athletics teams, funding; Sports events; Hayward Field & UO Science construction; rebuild, Civic Park; Rural development, urban growth boundary; Road improvements; Local tech; Personal finance; Consumer prices; Legal cannabis; Immigration economics; Retirement concerns; County courthouse, city hall; Agriculture and farms; Technology; Energy prices, development; Cybersecurity and breaches.
7	<u>POLITICS, ELECTIONS, GOVERNMENT:</u> COVID-19; Special legislative session & emergency funding; Federal stimulus, state and local programs; Racial justice & policing; School funding; Elections; Timber Unity, climate change bills; Trump administration, Congress, Federal and state courts; Immigration and border; Health care; Women; Offshore drilling, pipelines, oil trains, other environmental matters; Gun control, mass shootings, school violence; Mental health treatment; Marijuana and cannabis enforcement; Opioid epidemic; Low-income, affordable housing; Cybersecurity, data breaches /
8	<u>MILITARY, VETERANS, WAR ON TERRORISM:</u> COVID-19; Veterans, jobs, mental health (PTSD, suicide, etc.) and homelessness; Military families; Homeland and local security; Balancing terrorism with civil rights; National Guard deployments; Oregonians in the military; hacking and privacy.
9	<u>ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION, DISASTERS, WEATHER, AGRICULTURE, WILDLIFE, FISHERIES:</u> COVID-19; Snowpack, drought; Wildfires; Earthquake, Disaster preparedness; Air quality; Climate change, "Climate Kids" lawsuit; Legislative "cap & trade" debate; Agriculture, Horticulture, Sustainable landscaping; Cannabis & hemp; Pollinators; Pesticides, herbicides; Cougar, wolves; Ocean health, Fisheries; Forest, wildlife, habitat; Power generation; Alternate

	energy; Hazardous materials.
10	<u>TRANSPORTATION:</u> COVID-19; Infrastructure needs and projects, I-105, Franklin Blvd., Local repaving; Road and gas fees and taxes; Pedestrian, biker, rider safety; Hiking-biking trails; Airlines; Eugene's airport; Lane Transit District; Hybrid, electric vehicles; Airline disruptions; Boeing 737 investigations; Spring-summer travel; Rail safety.

The 1st Quarter, 2020, Issues List was formulated at a public meeting on Wed., Apr. 8, 2020, by Tracy Berry - KGNU-FM, Mary Reilly - KMGE-FM, and from previous quarters' ascertainties, conversations, phone calls, and emails with listeners. Updated Mon., June 1, 2020.

KKNU-FM KMGE-FM KEUG-FM ISSUES / PROGRAMS LIST

ISSUES: *Coronavirus, COVID-19, across multiple top issues*

NAME OF PROGRAM: **COMMUNITY FORUM**
Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: *04/05/20*

TIME: *6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG*

LENGTH: *30 minutes*

GUEST:

Name: Tracy Berry summary of COVID-19 / Coronavirus developments
Title: Public Affairs director, drawing from local, state and national sources
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TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

We continue our weekly in-depth review of the coronavirus and COVID-19 developments from the past week, ranging from an update on state and local infections to the most recently identified sources of transmission. We provide the latest details on the most common symptoms and update on the latest efforts to expand local testing. We learn more about outbreaks in Oregon nursing homes, assisted living facilities and correctional institutions. The latest computer models also predict we might see the plateau in cases in Oregon in late May or early June. We get an update on efforts to provide enough personal protective equipment for our front-line medical providers. Meantime, staggering numbers of Lane County and Oregon workers continue to apply for jobless benefits, overwhelming state systems. We provide updates on how many applications are being processed, the size of the backlog, and steps being taken to address it. Now that Congress and the White house have signed off on the Paycheck protection Program, we have details on how local business owners may apply. State and local officials also have launched added resources for small businesses and well as targeted loan funds. We discuss steps by Oregon OSHA and SAIF to improve workplace safety and physical distancing amid the pandemic. There are details on the stimulus program to send \$1,200 to qualifying Americans. We discuss the state ban on coronavirus-related evictions; provide updates on free meals for children and teens while schools are closed; and offer details for families needing nutritional assistance.

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ISSUES: *Coronavirus, COVID-19, across multiple top issues*

NAME OF PROGRAM: **COMMUNITY FORUM**
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DATE: *04/12/20*

TIME: *6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG*

LENGTH: *30 minutes*

GUEST:

Name: Tracy Berry summary of COVID-19 / Coronavirus developments

Title: Public Affairs director, drawing from local, state and national sources

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TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

We continue our weekly in-depth review of the coronavirus and COVID-19 developments from the past week, beginning with an update on the rise in local cases and first reports of infections tied to staff or contractors at a handful of local nursing homes. We share how no patients or other staff are showing signs of coronavirus infections and about how such facilities have taken steps since early March to prevent the introduction and spread of the virus. We learn about the latest projections, which indicate Oregon's aggressive social distancing measures have saved lives and are beginning to "flatten the curve" of infections. We learn about shipments of personal protective equipment for our front-line medical providers. Officials are cautioning Oregonians against heading to the outdoors, telling people now is not the time when we are making headway against the pandemic. If you do go to a local park, we offer tips on social distancing, controlling your dog, and staying safe. Close to one in every eight Oregon workers now is out of a job. We have updates on the backlog of benefits claims and other forms of assistance that are available to laid-off employees and their families.

We also hear about glitches with the Payroll Protection program and the stimulus program to send \$1,200 payments to many Americans and how to troubleshoot those issues. And we warn about COVID-19 scammers, provide information about food assistance, and have updates on the closure of Oregon's schools now will last through all of Spring Term, canceling sports events, as well.

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NAME OF PROGRAM: **COMMUNITY FORUM**
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DATE: *04/19/20*

TIME: *6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG*

LENGTH: *30 minutes*

GUEST:

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TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

We hear expanded comments from some of the leaders of our local health care community about how they've responded to the outbreak, why they're taking a very long view about the steps needed to reach a "new normal," and what targets they think we as a county and as a state need to reach before starting to relax some of the current restrictions. Their remarks came from a series of media briefings conducted last week and organized by Lane County Public Health. We began with remarks by Lane County's Public Health Officer, Dr. Patrick Luedtke, who says there are several key criteria he thinks we'd need to meet before he could even imagine us relaxing the "Stay Home" restrictions, including a slowing of cases, adequate personal protective gear for front-line workers, and robust contact tracing to determine sources of transmission. Luedtke adds that county health investigators have learned a lot about how the virus has spread through our community and how the type of infection sources have evolved by using that technique known as "contact tracing." There's been a lot of talk recently of antibody testing, which could determine whether someone's already been exposed to and fought off the virus. If we could identify who already has a level of immunity, it might make it easier to begin getting things reopened. But for now, the focus remains on getting enough widespread testing to determine who is infected and needs medical care. Local medical providers also are working to determine what the "new normal" will look like once the number of coronavirus cases peaks and then begins to decline across Oregon.

But for now, the priority is protecting their patients and staff from infection. And that's required some dramatic changes in how they operate. Case in point: Oregon Medical Group, which is one of Lane County's largest practices. OMG's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Stacy Chance, says in mid-March they began completely restructuring the care they provided. And the steps they took are similar to what medical practices across the county—and across the country—have done: Screening arriving staff and patients, reconfiguring the layout of their clinic operations and hallway flow to create more physical distancing. They've beefed up their telehealth and telephone offerings, separated pediatric services from the main clinics to place children in a separate location. Officials with our local hospitals say there's a lot of planning underway for when Lane County is on the backside of the coronavirus outbreak. But they say the next phase of protecting the community and its staff could last nine to 12 months. What would that look like? Dr. Jim McGovern, the Vice-President of Medical Affairs for PeaceHealth Oregon says healthcare providers know we'll still have the virus circulating at a low level in the community for quite some time. For how long? At least until there's a vaccine developed and distributed and enough people have received it to develop what's known as "herd immunity." McGovern says in the meantime, hospitals are working with local clinics to ensure they can handle any patient surges and increase testing. There also are safeguards in place as new patients arrive at the hospital. Dr. Jessica Versage (say: vuhr-SAWJZ'), the Chief Medical Officer for McKenzie-Willamette, says the focus remains on keeping everyone safe. And she echoed the gratitude and thanks of the previous speakers for the hard work of

those in healthcare as well as everyone else staying home to slow the spread of the pandemic. Last week the University of Oregon announced a partnership with McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center in an effort to increase coronavirus testing. The initial tests were underway last week and the results are being validated, so the effort might expand later this month. U-of-O officials say genomics researchers and staff on campus provided McKenzie-Willamette with a testing machine as well as an array of instruments, scientific equipment—along with expertise in setting up a testing lab at the Springfield facility.

McKenzie-Willamette officials hope to eventually begin conducting up to 200 tests a day. A physician's order will be needed for any tests and patients would be screened to determine whether they are showing symptoms of COVID-19 and qualify for the tests.

Lane County operates half-a-dozen clinics across Eugene and Springfield. Dr. Rick Kincade (pronounced like "Kincaid"), the Medical Director for Community Health Centers of Lane County says they've faced the same challenges as other healthcare organizations. And Roger Brubaker, Lane County Public Health's Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Promotion Coordinator, offered some important thoughts on coping during this extraordinary time.

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DATE: *04/26/20*

TIME: *6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG*

LENGTH: *30 minutes*

GUEST:

Name: Governor Kate Brown

Title: Oregon Governor

Organization: State of Oregon

City and State: Salem and across Oregon

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TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

It's the first step in easing Oregon's "Stay Home" restrictions. Governor Kate Brown announced late last week that she is lifting her executive order that restricted non-urgent health care procedures. The change takes effect on Friday, May 1. Brown's mid-March executive order canceled non-urgent, elective procedures — or postponed them to June 15 and beyond. It was intended to ensure that a supply of critically needed Personal Protective Equipment or "PPE," including masks, gowns and gloves, went to those working on the front lines to diagnose and treat COVID-19 patients. It came as the governor announced that Oregon is expecting "extremely large shipments" of protective masks and gowns, that testing capacity has increased, and that Oregonians have helped "flatten the curve" of coronavirus infections by following the state's "Stay Home, Save Lives" orders. Hospitals and other facilities have been hurt financially with the loss of non-emergency surgeries and procedures and tens of thousands of healthcare workers are seeking unemployment benefits. This change won't put everyone in the healthcare sector back to work immediately and won't clear the backlog of procedures overnight, but it's a big step forward. We share excerpts from the Thursday news conference, which opened with remarks from Governor Brown but also included updates from Dr. Dana Hargunani of the Oregon Health Authority and Dr. Bruce Goldberg of the Governor's Medical Advisory Panel. We hear more about state efforts to expand testing, provide protective gear, and assist rural hospitals.

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NAME OF PROGRAM: **COMMUNITY FORUM**
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DATE: 05/03/20

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name: Dr. Dean Sidelinger

Title: Oregon's State Health Officer

Organization: Oregon Health Authority

City and State: Salem and across Oregon

Email address: www.oregon.gov/oha

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TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

In one week, 100,000 Oregonians selected at random will begin receiving letters in the mail asking them to volunteer for a statewide study that could provide health experts with the data they need to track the spread of the coronavirus. It's part of a larger, cautious effort to reopen businesses and get the state's economy back on its feet as all of us work to find a "new normal" after the pandemic. That research study, along with efforts to begin easing restrictions on at least some Oregon counties—likely those that have had few or no cases of COVID-19—are the topics this morning on Community Forum. We hear key excerpts from Friday's media briefing with Governor Kate Brown, as well as leaders of the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Health and Science University, which is coordinating the voluntary testing effort. And as the governor explained at the top of the news conference, the results of that testing—coupled with data on current cases, hospital capacity and infection trends—will help drive a lot of other state decisions. Dr. Dean Sidelinger of the Oregon Health Authority says he knows the state's "Stay Home" orders have required huge sacrifices of Oregonians. But he points to computer modeling that indicates doing so has prevented 70,000 additional infections and 15-hundred additional hospitalizations. Dr. Danny Jacobs, President of the Oregon and Health and Science University, and Dr. David Bangsberg, Dean of the School of Public Health at OHSU and Portland State University, say the project to randomly test 100,000 volunteers is in line with similar efforts getting underway across the country. On Friday, Governor Brown held a video conference call with representatives of a number of rural counties in Eastern Oregon who have had either a few or no cases of COVID-19. They're eager to reopen businesses and jumpstart their economies. Brown says if they're able to meet some key state health criteria for testing and contact tracing, that could happen the middle of this month. In the meantime, the governor says she's continuing discussions this week with officials from rural counties and state leaders are working to refine that plan for the phased reopening of Oregon's economy. And while loosening restrictions, even gradually, may lead to increased infections and lost lives, state and local officials agree that we can't keep everything shut down forever. The challenge, they say, is to make sure that we're managing that risk and reducing it as effectively as we possibly can.

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NAME OF PROGRAM: **COMMUNITY FORUM**
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DATE: *05/10/20*

TIME: *6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG*

LENGTH: *30 minutes*

GUEST:

Name: Dr. Pat Allen

Title: Director

Organization: Oregon Health Authority

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TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Our speakers from this week's state media briefing updating Oregonians about the pandemic and the progress in controlling the spread of the virus include: Oregon Governor Kate Brown, Oregon Health Authority Director Pat Allen, Dr. Renee Edwards from the Oregon Health & Science University who is a member of the Governor's Medical Advisory Panel, and Dr. Dean Sidelinger, the state epidemiologist. They discuss the challenges of shuttering parts of our economy to save lives but say we are on track at meeting the goals. At the same time, they know as we reopen Oregon's economy there will be an uptick in cases. They say masks, distancing, handwashing, and using science as our guide, are the first steps in the process. On Friday, the governor and state health authorities began accepting applications from counties to enter Phase One. Allen thinks the majority of Oregon counties will be to a point by this Friday where they're able to successfully reopen. In the meantime, he is asking Oregonians to avoid unnecessary travel. One key element in reopening is being able to ramp up testing to quickly track any outbreak and determine where the virus might be hiding in the state. Allen says capacity is getting closer to where they need to see it. He says they received results for 2,500 tests Friday alone. They add that people who have held off on scheduling routine medical and preventive care should do it now that clinics and medical practices have reopened. They say health care is safe and has many added precautions in place. Looking ahead, Governor Brown says one priority is to get students back into schools for the fall. But she cautions that education will look different and might include far fewer students in classrooms, a mix of in-person and distance learning and more. Similarly, as businesses reopen that will look and operate differently.

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GUEST:

Name: Governor Kate Brown

Title: Governor

Organization: State of Oregon

City and State: Salem and across Oregon

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TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Governor Kate Brown and state health officials on Thursday announced approval of applications from 31 of Oregon's 36 counties to begin the first phase of reopening since statewide "Stay Home" restrictions went into place in mid-March. Lane County's 40-page application was among those accepted. For residents of our county and many others, it was welcome relief. But for two that were rejected it was hard news, and for those that still have not submitted their applications, it was a time to wonder how long it will take. While the reopenings cover counties with slightly less than half of Oregon's population, it's still a chance to begin slowly restarting thousands of businesses that closed or curtailed their operations beginning in mid-March. And even in those counties that did not receive approval of their applications, the governor issued new statewide orders that allow the resumption of some retail and other business provided certain safety limitations are met, loosened restrictions on the operation of childcare facilities, even began the process of looking toward the summer with guidelines for scaled-back operations of summer camps. The state is posting the guidance and future updates online at coronavirus.oregon.gov. Three counties did not submit applications. They are Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties, which make up the core of the Portland metropolitan area and are still dealing with larger numbers of coronavirus cases, hospitalizations and deaths than the targets set out by state guidelines. The applications of two counties which also are working to reduce their numbers of infections and deaths—Marion and Polk—also were denied. But state officials say they will revisit those applications and evolving case numbers on a weekly basis with an eye to approving their reopening plans as quickly as is possible. But for the 31 counties that received approval, including Lane County, Friday marked the first day of Phase One. And the governor and state health officials praised their efforts. Phase One is good news for the hospitality industry, especially restaurants. Many closed in mid-March while others struggled to get by with takeout or delivery. Those restrictions are loosened under Phase One. Brown encouraged those companies with employees working from home to continue those arrangements for now, to further safeguard workplaces and prevent the spread of the virus. And she sounded a cautionary note for the weeks and months ahead. Patrick Allen, the director of the Oregon Health Authority, seconded the governor's remarks, saying every community remains vulnerable to the virus. The vigilance extends to and really is focused at the county level, according to the chair of the Lane County Board of Commissioners, Heather Buch. Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis agrees, saying it's important to go slowly to reopen our economy. Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg says local officials are committed to helping businesses during this delicate transition. And while much of the emphasis during Phase One is on getting the economy restarted, from a health standpoint Lane County and the other counties approved for Phase One reopenings are sailing in somewhat uncharted waters. Lane County and the other counties that received permission to partially reopen on May 15 must wait 21 days before applying to enter Phase

Two. Phase Two allows larger public gatherings and fewer restrictions on the number of people allowed in many businesses. Visitors would also be allowed to again access nursing homes and prisons, as well. Spokesman Jason Davis with Lane County Health & Human Services says the planning for that phase is already well underway. Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg applauded the first responders who continued to work during the peak of Oregon's pandemic. She says that going forward, Springfield and local officials have shared goals of a strong economy and good health. And Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis says she knows the economic and personal recovery from the pandemic will not be easy and it could take time for businesses to recover and large gatherings to resume. But she things will slowly get better. In the meantime, more businesses continue to reopen and expand their operations, with health and safety features in place. If you're able, they would appreciate your business, either in-person or through pick-up or delivery options. We'll know in three weeks how well Lane and other Phase One counties are doing and whether we've been able to contain the spread of coronavirus cases enough to enter Phase Two.

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NAME OF PROGRAM: **COMMUNITY FORUM**
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DATE: 05/24/20

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

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Title: Public information officer

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City and State: Eugene, Oregon

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TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

One month ago, the focus was on surviving and getting by. But now, there's a shift to economic and community recovery. Here in Lane County, we're now slightly more than one week into our Phase One reopening. This morning, we hear from local government leaders about how they think it's going and what lies ahead. Their remarks are excerpted from this week's Lane County media briefings. Heather Buch, the chair of the Lane County Board of Commissioners, says things are proceeding well, but cautiously. Lane County spokeswoman Devon Ashbridge adds that as the local economy restarts, officials are working to create a plan for long-term recovery that focuses on key areas, including sustaining growth and stability for businesses. During the first week of the county's Phase One reopening, Ashbridge says it was encouraging to see so many local businesses begin to reopen and inch toward normal operation. And Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg says she's encouraged both by the reopenings of local businesses and the cautious approaches they and their customers are taking. One of the most valuable tools during this time was created by the Springfield and Eugene Chambers of Commerce in cooperation with local businesses, government and health officials. It's called "Back to Business" and offers nuts-and-bolts guidance on health, safety and other aspects of reopening. Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis is equally pleased to see businesses reopening. Vinis also encourages everyone to continue to protect their health and the health of others. Since the first case of COVID-19 was diagnosed in Oregon in late February, Lane County has seen a combined 66 positive tests and one presumptive case. Sixty-one of those people are considered recovered, which means they've gone 72 hours symptom-free without the assistance of medication. But one patient was hospitalized in the past couple of days—the first time that's happened locally since mid-April. Three people are being monitored as they rest at home. There were two earlier deaths tied to the coronavirus, one in mid-March and one in April.

Lane County spokeswoman Devon Ashbridge says the county is continuing to update those numbers on its COVID-19 webpage. Ashbridge says one of the county's goals is to continue quickly tracing any new cases of the coronavirus and prevent any local outbreaks from spreading. One way the county might do that is through stepped up "sentinel testing," which is way to get of sense of how widely any infections might have spread locally, even among those who show no symptoms. "Sentinel testing" or "sentinel surveillance," as it's also known, involves testing people across a community, care setting or group, including those who appear well, to discover whether the virus is present but previously undetected. Sentinel testing could involve, for example, testing every fifth person a health clinic sees on a designated day; every tenth person at a participating workplace; or a selected group of frontline medical workers who might not have any symptoms. Meantime, some continued good news in the effort to protect medical personnel from infection: That decontamination system designed by Battelle to clean and sterilize thousands of pieces of personal protective gear each day is up and running in Eugene and treating equipment from across the region. The system was set up on property owned by the University of Oregon and uses a concentrated application of hydrogen peroxide to disinfect the items. And finally, a reminder:

Health care providers including medical and dental offices, clinics, surgicenters and hospitals are able to see patients now for non-urgent appointments and procedures.

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ISSUES: *Coronavirus, COVID-19, across multiple top issues*

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GUEST:

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TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Officials with the Oregon Employment Department say they have paid benefits to a record number of Oregonians—close to 245,000. But they say they know many others are caught in a backlog that stretches back to mid-March. Now, agency officials say they are doubling down on their efforts to process the remaining 38,000 claims as quickly as possible. **They say they will do that by continuing to hire and train claims specialists, adding that such staffing is already six times what it was before the pandemic hit. This morning, we hear more about those efforts, why there's such a big backlog, the challenge in reducing it, and more. On Friday, state employment officials held a media availability via conference call. Their remarks are excerpted here. And since this is a telephone conference call using lots of speaker phones, it sounds exactly like that. Those taking part in the media briefing include Oregon Employment Department Director Kay Erickson and David Gerstenfeld, a top agency administrator.** The session came ahead of Saturday's three-hour legislative hearing about the claims backlog at the state agency. It's been a dynamic and challenging two-and-a-half months for employment officials, who saw jobless claims go from record lows to record highs in just a couple of weeks and combined filings for initial unemployment benefits of more than 400,000. That, coupled with changes under the CARES Act, the big federal stimulus package, added layers of complexity to a system that was already struggling with outdated technology for handling claims and is still years away from a long-delayed upgrade. The Employment Department started the pandemic with a staff of slightly more than 100 claims specialists but now has close to 700 on the job. More hiring is planned. And in the next two weeks there's the big push that Director Kay Erickson says is called "Project Focus 100"—to push through a resolve 100 percent of the backlog in the next two weeks. Erickson says staff are processing claims 17-hours a day, but it's tough to provide a timeline on when the backlog will be erased. Top agency administrator David Gerstenfeld adds that Oregon Employment Department officials are working identify claims that have become stalled in processing "traps" and move them forward. Thousands have been affected. And for those working to get through by phone or online, the agency says it is adding pre-recorded phone messages and emails to confirm whether they have received, for example, your Pandemic Unemployment Assistance or PUA claim. They say they are also working to add a customer service "chat bot" to their website. Asked what officials recommend for those desperately waiting for their benefits, from individuals to families with children, who are struggling to put food on the table, Gerstenfeld says don't give up and don't stop trying to secure your benefits. Gerstenfeld says some claims are taking longer to process because of complicated job histories that might span more than one state. And while it's been difficult to get through on Employment Department phone lines, Erickson says when people do reach recordings, the agency is working to share information on additional resources for those struggling to pay bills and purchase groceries. When Congress approved the CARES Act—that massive federal stimulus package—in late March, Oregon and many other states struggled to implement new programs that provide additional benefits. Director Kay Erickson says while it appears Oregon is lagging in some

key areas, other states are struggling, as well. The Oregon Employment Department's David Gerstenfeld says some of those new federal benefits include Pandemic Unemployment Assistance—or PUA—for people who ordinarily cannot receive regular unemployment insurance benefits, including independent contractors, the self-employed, and those who ordinarily would not have enough earnings to qualify for regular unemployment benefits. And while state officials estimate they have close to 38,000 unprocessed claims, that's different from the number of unpaid claims, a number they're still working to finalize, according to Gerstenfeld. In the meantime, the Oregon Employment Department continues hiring and training new claims processors. The goal is to hire 750 new workers. And the agency also is facing a deadline by the end of the year to implement what's known as the "Waiting Week Waiver," which will retroactively pay benefits for that first week that workers file their claim—a week known as the "Waiting Week" because benefits ordinarily are not paid. But it's a massive project that officials say could require up to 4,000 hours of programming time. They know they need to focus on getting the backlog of claims processed, but also remain confident can meet the New Year's Eve deadline and be able to avoid sacrificing hundreds of millions of dollars in federal money.

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ISSUES: *Policing, Racial Justice*

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TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The people spoke, local government and police officials say they are listening and making changes. It has been a dynamic ten days in Eugene, where the health crisis surrounding the pandemic was bumped from the top of the headlines repeatedly as much of the nation erupted over the death of George Floyd, a black man, at the hands of Minneapolis Police. It brought into keen focus issues of racial equality and police policies when it comes to subduing suspects. It energized the Black Lives Matter movement and spurred the creation of many related efforts in cities across the country, including ours. Local citizens, officials and police expressed horror and dismay at the events surrounding the death of George Floyd. But in Eugene on the nights of Friday, May 29; Saturday, May 30; and Sunday, May 31, peaceful protests were coopted by violent agitators and on that Friday night resulted in severe vandalism and looting of a number of businesses on the western edge of downtown, with bonfires set nearby parking lots and the street along a two-block stretch of West 7th Avenue. Police admitted they were caught flat-footed by the rapid increase in the size of the crowd and the explosion of violence. As the city implemented multiple nighttime curfews, police stepped up their response—reducing violence and vandalism but also prompting questions about use of force to quell last Saturday's and Sunday's protests. Two days ago, our local leaders—Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis, Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg, and the chair of the Lane County Board of Commissioners, Heather Buch, held a media briefing to express their support for the peaceful protesters who continued to demonstrate and march every day this past week. The officials also condemned the actions of those who behaved violently and promised to review police actions and officers' use of force last weekend, while looking to how policing should take place in our communities in the future. It came on the same day that Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner and other top department officials met with the media and were joined by the staff from the independent Police Auditors' office. During the previous week, Skinner had broadly condemned the actions of the Minneapolis police officers, saying he found the video hard to watch and that it tears apart the trust and confidence Eugene Police work hard to build with our entire community. This week, Skinner also spoke of the changes the department is making to improve its response and policies. Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis praised those planning and attending the peaceful rallies including one that drew an estimated 7,000 to 10,000 people one week ago. One of the offshoots of the Black Lives Matter movement is Campaign Zero, which formed in 2015 to push for reforms in policing policies. Last week, in response to the killing of George Floyd, Campaign Zero launched a new initiative, "8 Can't Wait," it works to update police "Use of Force" policies to save lives. Mayor Vinis says she's received large numbers of emails and other messages encouraging city and police officials to adopt "8 Can't Wait's" key principles. They include: a ban chokeholds and strangleholds; requiring police work to de-escalate situations whenever possible; requiring that police provide a verbal warning in all situations before using deadly force; requires officers to exhaust all other alternatives, including non-force and less lethal force options, prior to resorting to deadly force; requiring officers to intervene and stop excessive force used by other officers and report such incidents immediately to a supervisor; ban shooting at

moving vehicles: Ban officers from shooting at moving vehicles in all case; establish a Use of Force continuum that restricts the most severe types of force to the most extreme situations and creates clear policy restrictions on the use of each police weapon and tactic; and require officers to report each time they use force or threaten to use force against civilians. Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner praised the number of positive and productive protests that took place during the past week and said the gatherings highlighted important issues. Skinner says modern police departments must invest in programs and community opportunities to connect with everyone it serves. He adds that trust and legitimacy are the first pillar of 21st-Century Policing. Mark Gissiner, Eugene's Independent Police Auditor, and Leia Pitcher, the Deputy Police Auditor, say Eugene has a robust oversight structure and is committed to transparency. Gissiner says he's impressed with how far along Eugene Police already are in meeting the policy goals of "8 Can't Wait," including requiring officers to intervene and stop excessive force used by other officers and report such incidents immediately to a supervisor. Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner says good policy and strong oversight are key to good policing. And so is hiring. Skinner says for new hires, the background investigation can take several weeks and include visiting the community where an officer works and meeting family members and others. He says the vetting includes psychological evaluations of prospective officers, as well. Eugene Police have a policy that prohibits chokeholds but, up until Thursday, allowed a different kind of neck restraint. Chief Skinner provided an update on how that's changed, saying he had placed an immediate ban on carotid restraints and that there will be a review to determine whether it should be permanently dropped from use and training. And it's not just Eugene that is reviewing its policing policies. Yesterday afternoon, Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg released a statement saying that at Monday's city council meeting she will recommend full funding of a program to outfit Springfield Police with body-worn cameras to record their interactions with suspects and members of the public. Lundberg says she supports Springfield Police. She also acknowledges that the pandemic is knocking a gap in the city's budget. But after years of council discussion, she says cameras are a vital tool that all police departments should employ. Heather Buch, the chair of the Lane County Board of Commissioners, says the death of George Floyd and subsequent protests have created a momentum toward racial equity across the country and here in Lane County. On Tuesday, she says the board will vote on a resolution supporting Black Lives Matter that includes action items focused on change.

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ISSUES: *Mental Health, Youth, Education, Women, Health, COVID-19*

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TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Its goals are important ones: Help girls develop healthy relationships and a positive body image and reduce bullying and harassment. But like so many terrific non-profit organizations during this pandemic, the staff at Ophelia's Place has had to be creative and change the way they offer services. But they're pleased with how it's working out.

The staff and counselors at Ophelia's Place offer curriculum and presentations to Lane County Middle Schools, as well as to community groups and businesses. Before the coronavirus arrived in Oregon, girls spent much of their free time at the Ophelia's Place study and resource center in Eugene, which offered counseling and therapy services, skill-building activities and games, and a chance of girls to relax as a group and "just be themselves." The organization's outreach went beyond Eugene-Springfield, to include an expanding effort in Junction City and across Lane County, with efforts underway to expand to Albany. But even though much of that has moved online, the mission remains the same and the girls are enthusiastic participants. Our guests this morning, via a Zoom teleconference, are Ophelia's Place Executive Director Verna Wise Matthews and Marketing Director Teri Conklin. They tell us more about Ophelia's Place, it's new online outreach, and its upcoming fundraising efforts.

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ISSUES: *Low-Income, Economy, Health, Families, Youth, Education, Women, Homelessness, Black, Latinx, Native America, COVID-19*

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TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

As rough as things have been for some households across Oregon during the pandemic, they often were not in great shape before. A new survey released by the United Ways of the Pacific Northwest finds that when the coronavirus hit, slightly more than 517,000 Oregon households already were one emergency away from financial ruin — that's a record 10-year high. For many, the economic fallout from the pandemic is pushing them to the brink. The ALICE report, as it's known, is updated every two years to capture a snapshot of community needs and highlights key issues that participating United Way non-profits seek to address. But it's also used by businesses, health care providers and others to get a sense the overall health of a community and where to focus future efforts. ALICE is an acronym which stands for "Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed." These are households that are living just above the federal poverty line but are struggling to make ends meet. That can include the group known as "the working poor," as well as single-parent households and older adults trying to pay the bills on extremely limited incomes. This year's ALICE Report finds that over the past decade, Oregon's low-income families systematically lost buying power and financial stability as the high cost of essentials outpaced growth in wages. This morning on Community Forum, we're taking a closer look at some of the numbers across Oregon and here in Lane County. We hear from regional and local United Way officials, from an expert with a large health insurance company, and from a human resources manager with a major Northwest agrobusiness. United Way of Lane County's Noreen Dunnells says that for many individuals and families, the pandemic turned tight economic circumstances into a universal emergency. She says the report emphasizes that ALICE households include workers who do not have health insurance, have no paid sick days, and whose children rely on daily meals provided by schools. While wages for ALICE workers remained largely stagnant, the study found that the cost of six essentials grew by an average 3.4 percent annually over the past decade, close to double the inflation rate. The report notes that made it difficult if not impossible for ALICE households to build savings to cushion financial blows, a situation often aggravated by meager pay raises and inconsistent job hours, schedules, and benefits. Jim Cooper is the President and CEO of the United Ways of the Pacific Northwest, which includes Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. He and others shared their analysis of the new ALICE Report during a teleconference this week. Because the report is updated every two years, this year's ALICE data was collected from various sources in 2018, when we were in the midst of the nation's longest period of economic expansion with unemployment nearing record lows. It provides a useful baseline ahead of this year's pandemic by showing that, even then, many households were struggling. Cooper says the ALICE numbers make it clear that the rising economic tides of the past few years did not lift all households. Cooper notes that poverty did go down a bit over the past eight years and some of those families that had been living below the federal poverty line were able to improve their finances enough to move into the ALICE category. But those ALICE families still are considered vulnerable to financial emergencies. The pandemic, United Way

officials say, is that emergency. During the ALICE survey, Lane County's population stood at more than 379,000 and was made up of more than 156,000 households. Unemployment at that point in 2018 was 5.9 percent. But 17 percent of local households lived in poverty and 28 percent were just above that, qualifying as ALICE households and struggling to get by. That's 45 percent of Lane County's households facing a daily struggle to make ends meet. Jim Cooper with the United Ways of the Pacific Northwest says it's not surprising that households with children, especially those with a single parent, are among those having the most difficult financial times. They must pay for housing, food, utilities, transportation, childcare and more. But often they have jobs that only pay minimum or slightly above minimum wage. Cooper says we've also seen some fundamental shifts in the overall economic health of Oregon's labor force with the power of wages not keeping up with the cost of living. Cooper says the data also shows how low wages and higher costs of living disproportionately affect people of color, including Black, Latinx, and Native American households and can help shape today's discussions about race, ethnicity and equity. For all groups, housing costs continue to climb in Lane County, requiring a larger chunk of family income and taking money away from other needs. Dr. Ashley Anglin is the Director of Research and Strategic Analysis on the team that writes the ALICE reports. She says one of the key categories affecting household budgets is health care. But that's also one of the hardest costs to estimate. The sponsors who help underwrite creation of the biennial ALICE reports include non-profits, health organizations such as Providence Health Care, regional utility company Avista, and charitable groups—including the Ford Family Foundation, which includes ALICE data in its "Oregon by the Numbers" report. There also are contributions from a panel of experts from across the Northwest whose focus is on everything from workforce dynamics to household poverty and the needs of older adults. The data and analysis is on a new interactive website: UnitedforALICE.org/Oregon It allows you to see an overview of all categories, or drill down into individual county reports, even seeing things like transportation costs and internet access. Kori Rodley is the Equity and Engagement Manager with United Way of Lane County. She previously worked with a food pantry and aid organization in Junction City. She recalls a conversation near the start of the pandemic with Mo Young, Lane County's Equity and Access Coordinator, about where individuals and families might have the most difficulty recovering and what they could do now to assist with that down the road. They and a statistician began building a tool using 2016 ALICE data—and now incorporating these new numbers—and combined it with data the federal supplemental nutrition program and other sources. Rodley adds that even with this analytical tool, experts know we're already in a different situation because of the pandemic. Kate Wells is the Director of Wellness and Community Strategy with PacificSource, a not-for-profit health insurer based in Springfield that serves Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. So Wells says the ALICE report is important as they direct their efforts. Kate Wells says PacificSource also uses the ALICE report when working with local partners in assessing and improving community health programs. And because the report includes data breakdowns across Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, it's getting a closer look across the region—including by business leaders. Kirby Shepherd, for example, is a Human Resources Professional with a large Northwest agribusiness in Idaho. But she says the data in the ALICE report provides key information on wages and the challenges facing her company's employees. And she says owners and managers with other businesses should be doing the same thing.

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TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

It's been a little more than three months since the first wave of the coronavirus began settling across Oregon. But public health officials already were keeping an eye on the outbreaks on the other side of the world late last year. What have they learned about an illness that can be transmitted by seemingly healthy people and for which there won't be a vaccine until perhaps sometime next year? A lot about how COVID-19 is spread, how the response has evolved, and how human nature will always be a wild card. This morning on Community Forum, we sit down with Dr. Patrick Luedtke, the Senior Public Health Officer for Lane County Health & Human Services. In our online conversation, we started by chatting about how the transmission of the virus has shifted from late winter to now. We discuss the latest infection projections, how economic reopenings have affected that, what we've learned about how the virus spreads, and how Lane County has partnered with local health care providers and others on everything from screening to testing to treatment.

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DISCUSSED COVID-19, HEALTH, BUSINESS, COMMUNITY, HEALTH, COVID-19, SCHOOLS, FAMILIES: President Trump on Tuesday warned Americans to brace for a "rough two-week period" ahead as the White House released new projections that there could be 100,000 to 240,000 deaths in the U.S. from the coronavirus pandemic even if current social distancing guidelines are maintained. Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious disease expert, said the numbers are "sobering" and called on Americans to "step on the accelerator" with their collective mitigation efforts. But public health officials stressed that the number could be less if people change their behavior and don't become complacent. Trump called American efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus, quote, "a matter of life and death." He urged the public to heed his administration's guidelines. The president predicted the country would soon see a "light at the end of the tunnel" in the pandemic that has killed more than 3,500 Americans and infected 170,000 more. Dr. Deborah Birx, the coordinator of the White House coronavirus task force, said pandemic forecasts initially predicted 1.5 million to 2.2 million deaths in the U.S. But that was a worst-case scenario, without efforts to slow the spread of the coronavirus through social distancing. Birx said the social distancing and containment responses in Washington state and California give her hope that other states can keep the coronavirus under control through social distancing. She says both states moved quickly to close schools, urge people to work from home, ban large gatherings and take other measures now familiar to most Americans. Oregon put similar guidelines in place days after Washington and California. The comments came after Trump announced Sunday that he was extending to April 30 the social distancing guidelines that urged Americans to cease social gatherings, work from home, suspend onsite learning at schools and more in a nationwide effort to stem the spread of the virus. ; COVID-19 has claimed 2 more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll from 16 to 18, the Oregon Health Authority reported Tuesday morning. The patients included a 90-year-old Yamhill County man and an 88-year-old Benton County woman. Both had underlying medical conditions. The Oregon Health Authority also reported 84 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the state total to 690. The largest number of new cases announced yesterday were in Washington, Multnomah, Clackamas, and Marion counties. ; Lane County Public Health officials announced two new COVID-19 cases Tuesday morning, bringing the total number to 18. But there also was some good news, as officials announced one patient is now considered "recovered" from her illness. Those two new cases are: a man his 80s who lives in a private residence in Eugene-Springfield but currently is hospitalized in an Intensive Care Unit and a man in his 50s from the Eugene-Springfield area, currently at home and medically stable. The recovered patient is a woman in her 30s from the Eugene-Springfield who

remained medically stable as she battled the illness and recuperated at home. Lane County health officials say she is the first person diagnosed locally who has moved past what's known as the "symptomatic stage," by going 72 hours without a fever and cough. In announcing that she is considered "recovered," public health officials say they are, "certainly celebrating." ; Since recording the first of 18 COVID-19 cases in Lane County, officials say six patients were hospitalized. Five remain at the hospital, but health experts say they are seeing some progress in those cases. The county has one death that health investigators suspect was related to COVID-19: A 60-year-old woman who died more than two weeks ago. ; Lane County Public Health officials say they continue to see some common symptoms among local COVID-19 patients. Many report losing their taste and smell before other symptoms begin. Many have a pretty severe headache early on, especially with individuals who are prone to having headaches when they are healthy. Patients often experience extreme fatigue, muscle aches and a fever, accompanied by persistent coughing. If there is one bit of good news as they've analyzed local cases, health investigators say the patients did a good job of isolating themselves and members of their household at home after symptoms appeared. Many said it came as they followed social distancing guidelines. That's greatly reduced the number of people with whom patients had contact and helped spread the slow of the virus. Lane County Public Health officials say there still could be a few more cases coming from those infected households in the weeks ahead, but that self-isolating helps prevent the spread to the wider community. ; Lane County Public Health has begun tracking the number of ventilators available in hospital settings in our area. The comprehensive numbers do not include surgical centers or other locations where ventilators might be located, just in those hospital settings that may be used to keep COVID-19 patients and others needing medical care alive. Currently, there are 122 ventilators in Lane County. That's covering the current number of COVID-19, flu, and other medical cases. But it's not a huge number for health officials anticipating a surge in patients in the coming weeks. They say it underscores the importance of slowing the spread of infection and the number of people who fall ill and require hospitalization. ; When will the coronavirus outbreak peak in Oregon? It might not be until sometime in May or early June. There are four major computer models that state and county public health officials are studying—including one that takes a look at areas of Oregon outside of the densely-populated Portland metropolitan area, including Lane County. Based on that model, the county's chief public health officer is loosely predicting a potential peak in COVID-19 cases between early May through late May, possibly into early June with a combined 2,500 cases across Oregon's small- and mid-sized communities and rural areas. Earlier models, including one from the University of Washington, predicted a peak the middle of April that would bring a surge of patients and overwhelm Oregon's hospitals and medical providers. But experts say social distancing is gradually slowing the spread of the coronavirus and allowing many hospitals to preserve their capacity—although the Portland metro area is already experiencing the early part of that surge. Lane County Public Health officials say the trend locally indicates we're in what's known as the "acceleration curve," as cases begin to climb increasingly steeply. But they say social distancing and staying at home will help slow the climb and flatten of the curve. They hope to see that flattening in our area sometime in May or early June. But they add that does not mean that Lane County will not have any new cases. It will. It also does not mean that we might not have another surge. We could. They say whether things then begin to improve are utterly dependent on our ability to maintain social distancing and stay at home. Does that mean the "Stay Home" order would be extended through then? That's a decision for federal and state policymakers, based on how the infection rate is looking later this month. ; State officials expected a shipment of personal protective equipment or PPE to arrive yesterday from the Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA). Once it's received, checked for safety and inventoried, the supplies will be distributed from State of Oregon's PPE Distribution Center in Wilsonville to all 36 counties and nine Oregon tribal governments. Counties and tribes should expect to receive their shipments of supplies on or before April 6. Having an adequate supply of medical masks, gowns, and gloves is essential for the safety of first responders and health care workers. Andrew Phelps, the director of the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, says ahead of the arrival of the FEMA shipment, the state had distributed more than 1 million gloves; 10,000 face shields; more than 400,000 N95 masks; and more than 50,000 surgical masks. ; There's a new resource available from SAIF, Oregon's not-for-profit workers' compensation insurance company. SAIF has created a \$10 million coronavirus worker safety fund that will help eligible Oregon businesses pay for expenses tied to making their workplaces safer during the pandemic. More than 53,000 SAIF policyholders across the state are eligible for funds. The fund will help businesses pay for expenses tied to making workplaces safer against the virus and dealing with the impact of the pandemic on workers. Eligible expenses could include worksite cleaning and disinfection supplies; resources to reopen businesses safely after a coronavirus-related closure; resources to redesign or modify workspaces to encourage social distancing; and mental health and wellness initiatives. Qualifying expenses incurred on or after March 1 will be considered. The application, along with additional details about the fund, can be found at saif.com/safetyfund SAIF will accept submissions until all funds have been expended or until the fund is no longer needed. ; For the first time since WWII, this year's Florence Rhododendron Festival has been cancelled. Over the past few weeks, members of the Florence Chamber have been moving forward with their planning, holding out hope Rhody Days would be able to take place. But the latest projections for the coronavirus outbreak in Oregon combined with the latest federal and state guidelines, made it clear to organizers that holding the event May 15-17 was simply not safe or practical. Rhody Fest organizers say they considered postponing until summer or fall but felt that posed its own logistical problems. So the festival will skip this year and return in 2021. ; The Oregon Health Authority has received approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to remove barriers for Oregonians to qualify for, enroll in, and stay enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). Oregon has also received flexibility for providers to provide care to members as the state responds to the COVID-19 pandemic. Nearly one in four Oregonians currently receives health coverage through OHP. Patrick Allen, director of the Oregon Health Authority, says, "This added flexibility in our Medicaid program is going to allow us to more quickly get people access to health care and expand our health system to meet the challenges of this public health emergency." The key areas of flexibility that Oregon will gain from this waiver include: All members who are currently enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan will not lose coverage during this crisis. This includes coverage that is only state-funded (i.e. Cover All Kids). Individuals can sign up for OHP without having to verify their income (such as submit a pay stub) with their application. Instead, they will be able to self-attest, which will help Oregonians get access to OHP coverage more quickly. Federal stimulus payments and increased unemployment payments will not affect OHP eligibility. They will not be counted during the application process or when members report a change in their household. Oregon will have additional flexibility to add to its healthcare workforce, provide treatment in temporary sites, and for paying providers during this public health emergency. ; Eugene Water and Electric Board offices are closed to the public, but customers can still conduct business online. That includes staying current with payments and applying for the EWEB's Customer Care bill assistance program. The utility offers the \$260 credit annually to customers who meet income guidelines, and in response to the coronavirus, the utility is extending the program to customers who experience a job loss related to

the crisis. Applications for the EWEB Customer Care program will open April 1 at 9 a.m. and are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until funds for the month have been fully allocated. You may find the Customer Care application along with additional instructions, including a video tutorial for using the online form, on the website eweb.org/assistance. With so many local residents hit hard by the pandemic and associated business closures, EWEB expects a surge of applications when the program opens on April 1. The utility is offering some tips to streamline the process for its customers: First, EWEB recommends reviewing the application instructions in advance, and gathering necessary documentation. In addition to your EWEB account number, applicants will need proof of income eligibility or unemployment benefits. One easy way to obtain proof of benefits is using an app called Fresh EBT. The app is free for Oregon Trail Card holders and comes with several features that users may find useful, including coupons and the ability to explore job postings. As an alternative to using the app, a letter from Oregon Department of Human Services or the state Employment Department will also serve as proof of eligibility. Another tip is using the utility's online form to apply for assistance. This will help avoid overloading the phone lines and long on-hold wait times for applicants. If you are a senior or customer with disabilities, EWEB offers the additional option to apply through the mail. ; Keep your family and yourself safe from fraud and scams. The Lane County Sheriff's Office warns scammers are trying to take advantage of your anxiety over COVID-19 to steal your money and personal and financial details. Among the hustles: **MIRACLE CURE SCAMS:** Ignore online offers for vaccinations, home test kits or treatments for COVID-19. Scammers are trying to get you to buy products that aren't proven to treat or prevent the virus — online or in stores. At this time, there also are no FDA-authorized home test kits for the Coronavirus. **PPE SCAMS:** Know who you're buying from. Online sellers may claim to have in-demand products, like cleaning, household, and health and medical supplies when, in fact, they don't. Read the seller's description of the product closely, especially the fine print. Name-brand items with bargain basement prices could be counterfeits, and "similar to" could mean that the personal protective equipment they are selling doesn't really work. **FINANCIAL SCAMS:** Do your homework when it comes to donations, whether through charities or crowdfunding sites. Don't let anyone rush you into making a donation. If someone wants donations in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money, don't do it. Don't respond to texts and emails about checks from the government. The details are still being worked out. The government will not ask you to pay anything up front to get money. No fees. No charges. No nothing. The government will not call to ask for your Social Security number, bank account, or credit card number. Anyone who does is a scammer. **ANYONE WHO TELLS YOU THEY CAN GET YOU THE MONEY NOW IS A SCAMMER.** Sheriff's officials say there are a few other precautions you can take to avoid becoming a victim of scammers: Don't click on links from sources you don't know. They could download viruses onto your computer or device. Fact-check information. Scammers, and sometimes well-meaning people, share information that hasn't been verified. Before you pass on any messages, review trusted sources, including information and websites from federal, state and local government agencies. ; This is National Walking Day, as millions of people throughout the United States take steps to live a healthier life by committing to walk at least 30 minutes. The American Heart Association sponsors the annual event. It's a chance to get healthier and raise awareness about the importance of physical activity. Here are some great ways to make that 30-minutes more enjoyable: Wear comfortable clothes. Take a friend to pass the time. But remember to socially distance! Make sure to stretch those muscles. Drink plenty of water. Move your arms, too. Make sure you have good posture. ; The City of Eugene continues to add to the number of publicly available restrooms around the community to promote good hygiene and safety during this public health crisis.

Crews with the City's Emergency Operations Center on Tuesday completed the installation of an additional 25 portable restrooms. This brings the total number of portable restrooms distributed around the city to almost 40, along with close to 50 handwashing stations. Experts with the Centers for Disease and Control say regular handwashing is one of the best ways to remove traces of the coronavirus and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Portable toilets and handwashing stations are also set up at various high-traffic locations in Springfield and other Lane County communities. ; There are fewer drivers on the roads these days—but far too many are still driving distracted: They're making cellphone calls, texting or fiddling with their GPS units or dashboard displays. Distracted driving is even more obvious when there are no other vehicles nearby. Even if you're the only driver on the road, distracted driving can kill. Members of the Eugene Police Traffic Safety Unit are keeping an eye out for distracted drivers this month. In Oregon, it is illegal to drive while holding or using an electronic device. There are only limited exceptions: When using hands-free or built-in devices, if you are 18 years of age or older. When using a single touch or swipe to activate or deactivate the device. When parked safely in a designated parking spot. However it is NOT legal to use the device when stopped at a stop light, stop sign, or in traffic. While providing or summoning medical help and no one else is available to make the call. Police, fire, EMS providers may use a device as part of their "scope of employment" (for example, when responding to an emergency call, even when in a personal vehicle). Truck or bus drivers may also use a device, provided they follow the federal rules for CDL holders. CB users, school bus drivers, and utility truck drivers may use a two-way radio within their "scope of employment." You may also use your HAM radio if you are a HAM radio operator age 18 years or older. A first offense that does not contribute to a crash is a Class B violation and the Eugene fine is \$300 or maximum fine of \$1,000. A second offense, or if the first offense contributes to a crash, is Class A violation with a fine of \$500 or maximum fine of \$2,500. A third offense in ten years is a Class B misdemeanor and could result in a \$6,250 fine and up to one year in jail. ; When will the money arrive? That's the urgent question for small business owners who have been devastated by the coronavirus outbreak. They're awaiting help from the \$2 trillion rescue package signed into law Friday. But with bills fast coming due, no end to business closings and an economy that's all but shut down, owners are worried about survival. Millions of owners face April 1 due dates for rent, mortgage, credit card and other payments. Some have been granted leniency from landlords and lenders. But even then, there are other business and personal bills that are owed. And employees — at least those who haven't been laid off — must be paid. ; A huge relief for families struggling to find child care while they fill essential jobs: Child care partners throughout Lane County, including the City of Eugene, local area school districts and the Eugene Family YMCA, are collaborating to scale up full-day child care services to now include essential workers during the COVID-19 crisis. These include people working in grocery stores, banks and credit unions, pharmacies, take-out / delivery restaurants and bars, pet stores, and gas stations. Programs at schools throughout Lane County offer childcare for infants through 12-year-olds for first responders, medical professionals--- and now, essential workers. Learn whether you qualify and register here: <https://www.eugeneymca.org/youthdevelopment> ; Will Oregon's schools reopen before the close of the academic year? The state school superintendent says it's looking increasingly unlikely, as districts across the state work to put distance learning classes and offerings in place by April 13. It comes as fresh projections about the coronavirus pandemic indicate Oregon might still be dealing with a surge in cases through late spring, potentially forcing the state's stay-home orders to extend into early June. Oregon schools chief Colt Gill told superintendents in an email this week he anticipates "the strong possibility that our students may not come back through our schoolhouse doors this academic year." Gill said districts

should implement their distance learning plans by April 13, while acknowledging that some lesson plans might be a work-in-progress as teachers work to assemble online resources and students and their families work to get their home computers and technology up to speed. Oregon has close to 640,000 public school students and there are efforts underway to assist those who lack computers or internet access, speak English as a second language, or have other disabilities or other circumstances that make it a challenge to connect for online learning. State officials say any educational material — including online instruction — Should help students advance along their traditional learning tracks, although the instruction won't be for credit. In many states, including Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, coronavirus concerns already have shuttered public schools for the rest of the academic year. ; State education officials launched a resource page for teachers and families this month at <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/standards/Pages/Distance-Learning-for-all.aspx> The state's resource pages include supplemental lessons, tips on keeping kids engaged and sample schedules to keep children on track throughout the day: Education officials say kindergarteners and first graders should have no more than about two hours and 45 minutes of instruction per day — about 45 minutes of which should be teacher-led. Second and third graders should get about three hours and fourth and fifth graders get 3 1/2 with the first 60 and 90 minutes led by their teacher, respectively. Middle and high school students should get three hours of teacher-led instruction every day totaling no more than 30 minutes per subject with an additional one or two hours of supplemental learning. State officials also stress that students should take at least two hours per day for “brain breaks” and meals. The education department also issued murkier guidelines on how to educate students for whom English is a second language and to keep the state's talented and gifted students on track. The state resource page for bilingual and emerging English speakers directed educators to assess students' English proficiency and work with families to identify what supports they might need. That page is at <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/standards/Documents/Supporting%20Emergent%20Bilinguals%20with%20Distance%20Learning.pdf> Oregon officials also suggested schools designate a teacher or administrator as a liaison to families.; The Eugene School Board is holding a virtual meeting on Wednesday evening and will among other items, members are expected to approve the process to hire and interim superintendent. Superintendent Gustavo Balderas is leaving at the end of June to take the top job with the Edmonds, Washington, schools. It's anticipated the interim superintendent will come from within the Eugene district ranks. ; Schools across the U.S. are scrambling to find new ways to provide remote instruction to students with disabilities as instruction moves online amid the coronavirus pandemic. Schools are creating online lessons and looking for ways to provide physical therapy over video conference. But some schools say parents ultimately will have to play a big part in their children's schooling. The shift has strained some parents who are trying to keep up jobs while doubling as teachers for their children. Some students have lost access to expensive technology they use to communicate at school. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19, ECONOMY, BUSINESS, HEALTH, ELDERS, LOW-INCOME, HOMELESSNESS: More than 6.6 million Americans applied for unemployment benefits last week — doubling a record high set just one week earlier — a sign that layoffs are accelerating in the midst of the coronavirus. The figure for last week is much higher than the previous record of 3.3 million reported for the week of March 16. The surging layoffs—now totaling close to 10 million in just two weeks—have led many economists to forecast that the U.S. will lose as many as a combined 20 million jobs by the end of April. If that happens, the unemployment rate could spike to as high as 15 percent this month, well above the previous record of 10.8 percent set during the deep recession of 1982. This morning's stunning jobless report from the U.S. Labor Department reveals how job cuts are mounting, adding evidence that the nation and other world economies have almost certainly fallen into a severe recession. Many employers are slashing their payrolls to try to stay afloat because their revenue has collapsed, especially at restaurants, hotels, gyms, movie theaters and other venues that depend on face-to-face interaction. Auto sales have sunk, and factories have closed. Stay-at-home orders, imposed by most U.S. states, have intensified pressure on businesses, most of which face rent, loans and other bills that must be paid. Congress significantly expanded the unemployment benefits system in last week's \$2.2 trillion economic rescue package. That legislation added \$600 a week in jobless aid, on top of what recipients receive from their states. This will enable many lower-income workers to manage their expenses and even increase their purchasing power and support the economy. It also makes many more people eligible for jobless aid, including the self-employed, contractors, and so-called "gig economy" workers such as Uber and Lyft drivers. The legislation will also help fund unemployment benefits for workers whose hours have been cut. That would enable these people to replace some of their lost income with unemployment aid even as they keep their jobs. About 26 states allow workers with reduced hours to claim benefits. Most economists support doing so because it encourages companies to cut back on hours rather than lay off workers. Any program that encourages companies to maintain connections with their workers can help the economy rebound faster after the virus outbreak is contained. Typically, people who receive jobless aid are required to actively look for a new job and to document their searches. But Congress has passed other legislation that encourages states to drop that requirement, given that so many businesses are closed, and most Americans have been ordered to stay mostly at home. ; Officials with the U.S. Treasury Department say Social Security beneficiaries who typically do not file a tax return will automatically receive their \$1,200 stimulus payments and will not have to file a special income tax form to do so. The announcement is a reversal from earlier in the week when the Internal Revenue

Service said everyone would need to file some sort of tax return in order to qualify for the payments. Democrats and some Republicans criticized the federal government for requiring so many extra hurdles for low-income Social Security recipients to receive their stimulus aid when the government already has their information on file. The \$2.2 trillion aid legislation, passed in response to the coronavirus pandemic, directed the Treasury to look at Americans' 2019 or 2018 tax returns to determine if they are eligible for a payment. But the law also said Treasury should look at Social Security data for seniors and people with disabilities. More than 15 million Americans on Social Security do not file an annual tax return because their income is so low, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. During the last recession, when the U.S. government sent most Americans a stimulus check and required a filed tax return to get it, 3.5 million Social Security recipients were left out because they never sent a return, according to a Treasury Department analysis. Before yesterday's reversal by the federal government, there were concerns that even more people won't file during the pandemic. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin says direct deposits should begin by April 17, followed by checks in the mail. About 60 percent of tax filers gave the IRS direct-deposit information in recent years. IRS officials say they're creating a webpage for people to update their direct-deposit information and it should be operational soon. But not every American will qualify for a coronavirus relief check: Most high school seniors and college students won't get any money. The bill gives nothing to families for their children older than 16, a shock to many households already reeling from canceled graduations, and college students readjusting to life at home with so many universities shut down. Immigrant families will only qualify if they have valid Social Security number. ; The next major federal stimulus effort to shore up the battered economy might focus on infrastructure. President Trump said yesterday he wants to spend \$2 trillion on infrastructure projects to create jobs and help the collapsing economy rebuild from the coronavirus' stunning blows. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi agrees with that estimate. She and other House leaders are discussing what the package of spending and investments should include. One of the key players in the talks is Oregon Fourth District Congressman Peter DeFazio, who chairs the House Committee on transportation and infrastructure. He'll bring his panel's research and list of priorities for spending on the nation's roads, rail lines, air travel, water and broadband systems. ; First there was relief for residential renters, now for commercial ones. Oregon Governor Kate Brown yesterday placed a 90-day moratorium on commercial evictions for nonpayment. It comes as state officials are continuing to hold discussions with banks and other lenders to bring temporary relief to landlords and mortgage-holders. The 90-day moratorium on commercial evictions is a big relief for business owners who had rent payments due this week. They include retail, restaurant and other business owners who were forced to close their doors or deal with a big drop in revenues under the state's "Stay Home, Save Lives" policies. The state order closed businesses ranging from gyms, barber shops, salons, and other locations where strict social distancing guidelines could not be maintained. Now that the governor has issued the freeze on non-residential evictions for non-payment, small business owners need no longer deal with landlords on a case-by-case basis. Tenants are required within 30 days of missing a rent payment to provide their landlord documentation or other evidence that the COVID-19 outbreak is directly or indirectly responsible for their non-payment and provide evidence of loss of income due to any governmental restrictions. The governor's order also calls on tenants to notify landlords "as soon as reasonably possible" that they will be unable to pay rent in full, and to make partial payments to the extent they are financially able. Late charges and other penalties are waived during the moratorium. The Oregonian and OregonLive report restaurant and other groups began advocating for a freeze on evictions for the past two weeks, concerned that some leases would allow

landlords to lock out tenants within five days of nonpayment of rent. Before the coronavirus outbreak, the Oregon service industry employed an estimated 155,000 people. Most have been laid off. Even restaurants and bars that have leaned into takeout and delivery report laying off 90 percent of their staff. ; They've already stepped up by distributing personal protective gear and assisting with the set-up of temporary medical facilities. Now, Oregon Governor Kate Brown is asking the federal government to fund the potential mobilization of 1,250 members of the Oregon Army and Air National Guard to help the state continue to respond to the coronavirus pandemic. Brown has sent a letter to President Trump asking him to invoke provisions of a federal code which allows governors to retain command of their National Guard forces, while being funded by the federal government. If the request is approved, it would free up state money for the continued response to the coronavirus crisis. Trump has already approved similar requests for at least eight states, including Washington state, California and New York. Brown's request is backed by all seven members of the state's Congressional delegation. In her letter to the president, Brown notes that Guard members will provide much needed logistical, medical, communications, and coordinating skills as cases of COVID-19 surge across the state. A spokesman for the Oregon Military Department says close to approximately 40 guard members earlier mobilized to state active duty, but that the department expects that number to increase dramatically as the need increases for the transport and distribution of personal protective gear. Guards members last month also set up helped set up a temporary medical facility at the state fairgrounds in Salem and tents outside a Seaside hospital for testing and triaging residents along the northern Oregon coast who might have contracted COVID-19. ; There was word yesterday afternoon of two more positive tests for COVID-19 in Lane County, bringing the number of cases here to 20. The new cases include: A man in his 20s—a first for our county in that age group—who was hospitalized but is now at home recovering at a private residence in Eugene-Springfield. A woman in her 50s who lives in a private residence outside Eugene-Springfield (private residence) who was hospitalized for a time but is now at home. ; State health officials say another death was reported yesterday from COVID-19, bringing Oregon's death toll to 19. The patient was a 70-year-old Multnomah County woman who had underlying medical conditions. The Oregon Health Authority also reported 47 new cases yesterday morning. That means the coronavirus has sickened at least 736 statewide since late February, although with limited testing officials suspect up to four times that many people have become infected. Nineteen people have died statewide. ; Most with COVID-19 suffer only mild to moderate symptoms and recover within two to three weeks. Locally, about half of the patients told county health investigators their symptoms began with a loss of smell and taste that persisted throughout their illness. Common symptoms included what many described as prolonged, splitting headaches. They also suffered unexplained fatigue—like waking up in the morning and feeling extreme fatigue despite a good night sleep. There is the COVID-19 fever and cough. And about ten percent of local patients say they also experienced days of nausea or diarrhea. Lane County Public Health says four of the patients who've tested positive in recent weeks are considered "recovered" because they no longer showed any symptoms after 72 hours without medication to treat their fevers and coughs. Five Lane County patients remain hospitalized. Ten are recovering at home. A 60-year-old woman died from the illness more than two weeks ago. ; A number of health care providers across Lane County are working to secure of those new machines that allow for rapid testing for COVID-19. Produced by medical and pharmaceutical company Abbott, they allow for testing in a doctor's or other medical provider's practice that can determine in about five minutes whether someone is infected with the coronavirus. Confirming a negative test result takes about 15 minutes. The machines are in high demand, as is the slower

testing being conducted at state public health labs and private labs. But there's even greater need nationwide for the chemical reagents used to process those and other types of COVID-19 tests. And that's slowing the rollout of rapid and traditional testing in Oregon and elsewhere. Lane County Public Health officials say amid the chemical reagent shortage, supplies that would have come to our state and others are instead being diverted to the New York City metropolitan area, which accounts for close to half of the 216,000 COVID-19 cases nationwide.

; You heard the call, stepped up and donated. And it's making a difference. Lane County officials say donations of personal protective equipment from businesses and individuals are being distributed to medical personnel across the county. What's been donated so far? Upwards of 15,000 procedure masks—the kind used in many surgeries; at least 200 of the more-protective N95 masks; more than 20,000 pairs of gloves; and 150 medical gowns. Close to 600 medical swabs also have been donated. Donations are being accepted weekdays afternoons from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lane County Public Works complex on the north end of Eugene's Delta Highway.

; Health researchers say there is strong evidence Oregon's social distancing measures are reducing transmission of the virus. State health officials say if we maintain our "Stay Home, Save Lives" policies through early May, we could continue to cut infection rates by between 50 and 70 percent. That means Oregon's hospitals could continue to meet demand for regular and intensive care unit beds as the surge of COVID-19 cases continues. Statewide, officials with the Oregon Health Authority say they're using computer models prepared by the Institute for Disease Modeling in Washington. indicate that by early May, there would be more than 4,000 cumulative infections statewide, with between 200 (best case) to 1,200 (worst case) of those being actively treated. However, the disease modeling concludes that if the state were to reopen non-essential businesses, even with schools remaining closed, the number of active infections would spike to as many as 3,500. Dr. Dean Sidelinger, the state's health officer, says officials know the coronavirus and social distancing have brought painful disruption and distress to Oregonians. But he says the latest case numbers and computer projections show that, while social distancing is tough to maintain and comes with incredible sacrifices, it can save the lives of people we know and people who are important to us.

; They are going to locations under bridges and along the Willamette River; to overgrown lots and remote parking areas; to the edges of parks and along local bike paths. Eugene Police are taking part in an effort by the city to ensure basic needs are being met for those experiencing homelessness, to help them stay healthy during the coronavirus pandemic. The outreach teams began canvassing local parks and rights-of-way this week. The teams of between two and four people are passing out food, water and hygiene supplies. In some cases, they're providing tents to those who otherwise do not have basic shelter. They're sharing information about the spread of COVID-19 in our community, as well as education about how to stay safe and healthy. They're also letting the homeless individuals and families know about the emergency shelters set up at the Lane County Fairgrounds in Eugene and the Memorial Building on the 700 block of North "A" Street in Springfield. The shelters offer medical screening, meals, social services, sleeping mats, and access to showers for those staying overnight. In the near future, city officials say they'll be able to share details about the creation of a centralized distribution site where unhoused individuals may get necessary supplies to shelter in place.

; If you're unable to leave your home—either because of age, disabilities, or increased vulnerability to the coronavirus, FOOD for Lane County has created a process where you may designate a proxy—someone to pick up items from a local food pantry and deliver it to you. There is a two-page form on the FOOD for Lane County website that need to be filled out by you before your proxy takes it with them to pick up your food supplies. On the first page, you verify that you meet the qualifying income guidelines—which have been temporarily

raised to 300 percent of the federal poverty level. The second page authorizes your proxy to pick up and deliver the food on your behalf. ; Scientists offered more evidence Wednesday that the coronavirus is spread by seemingly healthy people who show no clear symptoms. Researchers in a number of countries now estimate somewhere around 10 percent of new infections might be sparked by people who carry the virus but have not yet suffered its flu-like symptoms. That led to new guidance yesterday from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It now focuses on people who have no symptoms but were exposed to others with known or suspected infections. The CDC's new guidance essentially says that anyone may be a carrier, whether you have symptoms or not. Experts say the latest research findings complicate efforts to gain control of the pandemic. The findings also reinforce the importance of social distancing and other measures designed to stop the spread of the coronavirus. One of the most unsettling revelations this week: Researchers in Singapore matched tests of three patients and surfaces in a church to closed-circuit video recordings. They were able to tie a 52-year-old woman's infection to her sitting in a seat that had been occupied earlier in the day by two tourists who showed no symptoms then but later fell ill. The seemingly healthy people who can transmit the virus are believed to fall into three categories: pre-symptomatic, who do not have symptoms when they spread but develop illness a couple of days later; asymptomatic, who never develop symptoms; and post-symptomatic, who get sick and recover but remain contagious. In the initial months of the pandemic, health officials based their response on the belief that most of the spread came from people who were sneezing or coughing droplets that contained the virus. ; The top U.S. infectious disease official says medical experts are no closer to figuring out why some seemingly healthy people infected by the new coronavirus develop only mild or no symptoms but others become very sick. Dr. Anthony Fauci said on NBC's "Today" show he's been "puzzled from the beginning" of the coronavirus pandemic. Fauci's been working in infectious diseases for almost 50 years and saying finding answers will require long-term analysis of patients and their health histories. Fauci is the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. He says it's baffling how the virus can be lead to viral pneumonia and respiratory failure in one person and be "absolutely nothing" in another. / SPORTS: Oregon boasts two of the top five players in women's college basketball. Seniors Ruthy Hebard and Sabrina Ionescu on Wednesday were both named to the 2020 Wooden Award All-American Team. Hebard is a Wooden Award all-American for the first time in her career while Ionescu – last year's Wooden Award recipient – earned the honor for the third year in a row. The two now are finalists for the John Wooden Award, which honors college basketball's most outstanding female and male players. The Duck women are the only team with multiple student-athletes on the five-player all-America team. ; And on the Oregon men's side, Payton Pritchard earned his 13th first team All-America honor of the season on Wednesday. The senior from West Linn was named a 2020 Wooden Award All-American. He, too, is now a finalist for the John Wooden award, which is widely considered the most prestigious honor in college basketball. The 44th annual presentation of the Wooden Awards to the most outstanding college basketball men's and women's players will take place Monday, April 6, during the 2 p.m. edition of *SportsCenter* on ESPN. / BUSINESS: The shuttered Hynix computer chip factory in west Eugene has sold at auction for \$6.3 million, but it's not clear what the new owner plans to do with the site. The Oregonian and OregonLive report Hynix spent \$1.5 billion to build and equip the 1.2-million-square-foot factory, which opened in 1998. It operated for a decade before closing in 2008 during a downturn in the memory chip market. The closure left 1,400 people out of work, one of the largest mass layoffs in Oregon history. The new owner is an Ohio digital sign company called Stratacache. A company official says discussions are underway with several Oregon agencies about the company's plans for the site. /

AGRICULTURE: Cattle producers can apply to compete for access to federal grazing allotments that Oregon's Hammond Ranches lost in a court decision. The Capital Press reports those applications, however, will be put on hold if Hammond Ranches decides to continue with an administrative challenge against the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. Ranchers have until April 14 to apply to graze livestock on the four allotments, while Hammond Ranches must decide by then whether to appeal or apply for a new grazing permit. Ranch co-owner Steven Hammond and his father Dwight are well-known in the ranching community for their legal battles with the federal government and environmental groups. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19, BUSINESS, FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME, HEALTH, ECONOMY: A staggering number of Oregonians are out of work during the pandemic. During the week starting March 22, the Oregon Employment Department received 92,700 initial claims for Unemployment Insurance benefits. Two weeks earlier, before businesses began shutting their doors under the "Stay Home, Save Lives" policies, the statewide number was 4,900. That means the number of claims employment specialists are processing is 19 times greater than it was two weeks ago. Over the past two weeks the Employment Department doubled the number of staff processing claims and is in the process of tripling them. The agency also continues to add secure phone lines to handle more calls while also protecting the personal information of those filing claims. Still, officials say this is a truly unprecedented and sudden level of initial claims and it is causing delays and frustration for Oregonians who need help, especially those trying to contact them by phone. The Employment Department encourages anyone who can file an online claim to do so. The agency's website at https://govstatus.egov.com/ORUnemployment_COVID19 includes a video with step-by-step instructions for filing online claims specific to COVID-19 situations. Filing an initial or weekly claim online helps those who must file their claim by phone. The Employment Department has started sending automatic confirmations for successfully filed claims that have an e-mail address provided by the claimant. Other automatic fixes and guidance, discussed in the video, have been implemented to address common online claim errors and reduce the need for follow-up. If you filed online, Employment Department ask that you not call to follow up on the status of successfully filed claims, because it makes it more difficult for those trying to file initial claims to reach the agency. The time needed to process each claim varies, depending on whether you filed online or by phone; whether you filed a claim several months ago; or whether you are part of a group that's newly eligible (including self-employed and "gig" workers) under the new federal stimulus programs. The state is awaiting final details from the U.S. Department of Labor so its computer managers can program things such as pandemic unemployment assistance into the system. Regardless, if you think you might be eligible for unemployment benefits, file now. State technology experts fixed glitches that occurred when some people filed their applications, then one week later received an error message when they filed their first weekly claims. The error message was triggered because the claims hadn't yet been processed. Again, if you're seeking information on unemployment insurance benefits related to business layoffs and closures, go to the Oregon Employment Department COVID-19 resource page at https://govstatus.egov.com/ORUnemployment_COVID19 ; This is a big day for owners and operators of small businesses shuttered by the spread of the

coronavirus. This morning, they began applying for federal emergency loans to cover payroll and other costs. The \$349 billion Paycheck Protection Program is part of the \$2.3 trillion economic stimulus package enacted last week. If every eligible small to medium-sized business applied, it would be more than double what's set aside but Congressional and White House leaders are discussing legislation that could expand the fund. The program relies on the Small Business Administration's existing network of close to 1,800 banks and credit unions that participate in its loan guaranty program. The new effort provides small businesses with forgivable loans to cover payroll and other fixed costs during the "Stay Home" orders in effect across the country. Small businesses and sole proprietorships may begin applying today for loans from existing SBA-approved lenders. Independent contractors and self-employed individuals can do the same starting April 10. Nonprofit organizations may also apply. Businesses with 500 or fewer employees are eligible, which means if every small and mid-sized business affected by COVID-19 closures took advantage of the program, it could keep close to half of all affected workers on the job. If a company has already fired staff, it will have until June 30 to rehire them to qualify for the program. The terms of the new loans will be the same for everyone: They are capped at eight weeks of a borrower's payroll expenses—including debt interest, rent and utilities—up to \$10 million. According to Treasury: All loan payments will be deferred for six months. Most importantly, the Small Business Administration will forgive the portion of the loan proceeds that are used to cover the first eight weeks of payroll costs, rent, utilities, and mortgage interest. The interest rate is set at one-half of one percent. That's far lower than the 4 percent annual rate limit set by statute. Borrowers can defer payments for six months, although interest would accrue during that period, and the loans would be due in two years, with no penalties for prepayment. The deadline to apply is June 20. Lenders are asked to verify that a borrower was in operation on Feb. 15, that it was paying salaries and payroll taxes, and confirm the borrower's average monthly payroll cost. Along with loan applications, borrowers will be asked to provide payroll data. Certain companies with more than 500 employees, including hotel chains, restaurant groups and franchisees, can also qualify as small businesses for the loans. ; The governor and state officials on Thursday launched the Coronavirus Small Business Resource Navigator, which will help connect small businesses to financial support and information they need to stay in business through the COVID-19 crisis. It's available at <https://www.oregon4biz.com/Coronavirus-Information/> The webpage is intended to connect thousands of Oregon's small businesses with resources offering federal, state, and local financial support, including new programs created under the new federal stimulus programs. Business Oregon will lead the new Small Business Resource Navigator, with support from several state agencies including the Oregon Employment Department, the Oregon Secretary of State, and the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services. The Resource Navigator includes a hotline and a website containing comprehensive information on key programs for small businesses with access to: Small Business Association programs established by the recently passed federal CARES Act, including: The Paycheck Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loans, and Debt Relief programs; State of Oregon programs, including the Entrepreneurial Development Loan Fund; Local government programs, such as the South-Central Oregon Economic Development District Economic Relief Loan Fund for Small Businesses. More resources will be rapidly added to the Resource Navigator website as they become available. A hotline and email address will be available for small business owners to get more information on accessing financial support at the local, state, and federal levels. Learn more at <https://www.oregon4biz.com/Coronavirus-Information/> and see other Oregon Small Business Navigator resources at <https://www.oregon4biz.com/> ; Yes, inspectors with Oregon OSHA, the state's Occupational Safety and Health

agency, are investigating complaints about potential workplace hazards under "Stay Home, Save Lives" policies. But scammers are pretending to be state inspectors, assessing fake fines and demanding cash payment on the spot. **DON'T FALL FOR IT!** Oregon OSHA has received multiple reports of fraudulent activity. That includes people showing up at job sites and pretending to be division compliance officers. The fraudsters attempt to issue thousands of dollars in fines and demand immediate cash payments. That is NOT how Oregon OSHA operates. Officials say if something seems "off," it likely is. Here are how legitimate Oregon OSHA inspectors operate: At the beginning of an inspection – when compliance officers introduce themselves to owner representatives, operators, or agents in charge at workplaces – they present their credentials. If the division conducts an inspection and identifies violations, its normal citation processing takes at least two weeks following the closing of an inspection. The actual penalties for any particular violation involve a number of factors. There is never a demand for immediate cash payment of a proposed fine. If you are unsure if someone showing up at your job site is an Oregon OSHA employee, call 503-378-3272 or 800-922-2689 (toll-free) (inside Oregon only). For more information, contact Oregon OSHA:

<https://osha.oregon.gov/Pages/contactus.aspx> For more information about Oregon OSHA workplace guidance and resources related to the coronavirus outbreak, visit <https://osha.oregon.gov/Pages/re/covid-19.aspx> If you believe you have been a victim of a COVID-19 scam, visit <https://www.justice.gov/coronavirus> to report it to the U.S. Department of Justice. ; The Washington Post is reporting that the Internal Revenue Service plans to send electronic payments as soon as late next week to millions of Americans as part of the \$2 trillion coronavirus law. That's one week sooner than originally planned by officials with the U.S. Treasury. However, \$30 million in paper checks for millions of other Americans won't start being sent out until April 24. That's because the government does not have their banking information on file. Officials say, in some cases, checks won't reach those people until September. Most payments will be sent electronically, using information from people's income tax filings or Social Security direct-deposit details. At a White House press briefing Thursday, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said these eligible Americans will receive the money within two weeks. Taxpayers who did not provide direct deposit information on their 2018 or 2019 tax returns will be able to enter it in a portal the IRS is setting up to speed up receipt of their checks. But for others, the IRS must print paper checks and mail them separately. The IRS plan would distribute paper checks to the lowest-income Americans first, prioritizing payments for individual taxpayers with incomes of \$10,000 or less on April 24. Checks for earners of \$20,000 or less would be in the mail May 1, followed by those with incomes of \$30,000 or less on May 8, \$40,000 or less on May 15, and continuing in income increments of \$10,000 each of the following week, according to the plan. The IRS plans to issue about 5 million checks each week. By September 4, stimulus checks would be issued to joint taxpayers earning \$198,000, the maximum allowed under the stimulus. All others would be sent on Sept. 11, in most cases because the IRS did not have prior tax information for them and they need to apply for the checks. American adults who earned less than \$75,000 will receive a \$1,200 payment, and an additional \$500 per child. The payment will be phased out for Americans who receive more than that, and adults that earned more than \$99,000 will not receive the benefit, under the law. ; Oregon Gov. Kate Brown confirmed in a statement Thursday that she plans to call lawmakers into a special session to address the health and economic impacts of the coronavirus outbreak. But she said she's waiting for more details on the federal stimulus and its effects in Oregon before she sets a date. But the Oregonian and OregonLive reports that House Speaker Tina Kotek said later in the day that lawmakers on the Legislative Emergency Board should act immediately to direct whatever money is currently

available to help Oregonians. The Legislative Emergency Board has approximately \$53 million available to spend between legislative sessions, after it appropriated roughly \$22 million in early March for the state's coronavirus response, Brown's new greenhouse gas regulations and long-term relief for flooding damage in eastern Oregon. Kotek says the e-Board should find ways to provide "gap funding" for essential needs like food and shelter while awaiting the federal assistance contained in last week's massive new stimulus law. Last week, a special coronavirus committee finished work on a lengthy list of recommendations to the governor. Among the priorities: expanding hospital bed capacity, increasing testing capacity, and procuring personal protective equipment for medical workers. Brown also implemented one committee recommendation earlier this week: on Wednesday ordering a 90-day moratorium on commercial evictions. Last month, Brown issued a similar temporary ban on residential evictions. ; Lane County has 21 positive COVID-19 test results and one suspected COVID-19 death as of yesterday morning. The newest COVID-19 patient is a man in his 50s who lives in a private residence in the Eugene-Springfield area. He is currently hospitalized and in the Intensive Care Unit.

TESTING STATUS IN LANE COUNTY: 751 tests conducted for Lane County residents (including private labs). Officials note: This number is likely below the actual number of tests conducted. Private labs are processing tests from Lane County residents and there is variability in reporting of negative results. Lane County Public Health is being notified of any positive test results.

LANE COUNTY PATIENT LOCATION AND STATUS: 19 patients in Eugene-Springfield. 2 patients outside Eugene-Springfield. Patient Conditions: 4 patients recovered. 6 patients hospitalized. 10 patients sick at home. 1 suspected COVID-19 death.

Note: Lane County Public Health officials consider patients recovered if they have been symptom-free for 72 hours without the help of medication. ; The Oregon Health Authority on Thursday reported two deaths statewide from COVID-19 as officials said there were 90 new cases and the total number of positive tests since late February rose to 826. The latest deaths are those of a 61-year-old man in Washington County and a 91-year-old woman in Marion County. As was the case with the other Oregon deaths, both had underlying medical conditions. State health officials say that as of Thursday morning, 188 people have been hospitalized at some point during their illness. But they add that people seeking medical care at hospital emergency departments for coronavirus-like symptoms continue to make up a small proportion of ER visits, and the number of people seeking care for those symptoms is decreasing. Oregon's largest outbreaks include a combined 211 cases in Washington County, southwest of Portland; 164 cases in Marion County, which includes Salem; and 160 combined cases in Portland's populous Multnomah County. There are 61 combined cases in Clackamas County; 37 in Linn County; 32 in Deschutes County; and the 21 in Lane County. Nationally, there are more than 245,000 combined cases across the United States since the outbreak began. More than 6,000 people have died. But 9,200 have recovered. Yesterday, the global total number of COVID-19 cases topped one million, with close to 54,000 deaths. More than 217,000 people worldwide have recovered from their illness. ; The coronavirus has made its way into at least one Oregon prison and a jail. The Oregon Department of Corrections announced last night that an inmate in at the Santiam Correctional Institution in Salem has tested positive for coronavirus. The patient is in stable condition and will be moved to a separate facility with 24-hour care. Earlier this week, a Department of Corrections employee who worked at the Salem penitentiary tested positive. Last month, the state prison system suspended all prisoner visits and volunteer services in effort to reduce the risk of infection among inmates, who live in relatively close quarters. State prison officials also canceled group activities, stopped housing vulnerable inmates together, and slowed down entry into the meal line to create social distancing. The Department of Corrections is

contacting everyone who entered the Santiam Correctional Institution in the last week, screening all inmates and testing those with symptoms for coronavirus. Meantime, two Marion County sheriff's deputies in Salem who work in the jail's booking area have tested positive for the new coronavirus, and that facility is ordering tests for all its approximately 320 adult inmates. The confirmed cases are the first ones in a jail in Oregon. In a letter to defense lawyers, Marion County officials wrote that two other sheriff's deputies are ill and are awaiting testing. ; Lane County Farmer's Market is operating on Saturdays at the Park Blocks on the northwest corner of 8th and Oak Streets in Eugene. The vendors offer fresh and nutritious locally grown and locally produced food. But the spread of the coronavirus has altered its spring operations. For starters, the Farmer's Market vendors are setting up a bit farther apart to enforce strict social distancing guidelines. That means their booths and stands will cover two blocks. They're reminding shoppers that you also need to keep those six-foot separations. The first two hours, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturdays, is being set aside for shoppers who are 60 years or older and those who have existing or previous medical conditions. Public hours are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Foot-activated handwashing stations are set up. Counters and other "high-touch" surfaces are being sanitized frequently. No samples are being offered. No public tables or seating are being offered. Shoppers are being asked to avoid handling food items they don't intend to buy and not to consume any food on-site. ; New computer models provide some encouraging news about the pace of COVID-19 infections in Oregon. Oregon's chief public health officer says as long as we continue to follow the state's "Stay Home" order, we will continue to see a slower increase in coronavirus cases. Dr. Dean Sidelinger (say: SIGHED'-ling-uhr) says the latest models project social distancing and staying at home is already reducing transmission of infections by 50 to 70 percent. ; The rising number of coronavirus cases reported across Oregon has set off a scramble among providers of mental health services to provide increased counseling and similar services. According to The Lund report, which covers health care and medical news in Oregon, mental health specialists say they are seeing people with increased anxiety, depression and isolation associated with the uncertainty of the illness. The pandemic also has made it more difficult for Medicaid providers to work with those in Oregon's Medicaid population who need mental health care. The spread of infections has altered the way they provide care: Most counselors and psychiatrists no longer meet face-to-face with patients, instead opting to telephone or telehealth consultations. Organizations from preventative health nonprofits to peer recovery groups and community centers have been forced to close their doors temporarily. The Oregon Health Authority has sent out information to enrollees in the Oregon Health Plan, the state's Medicaid program, that their plans will cover COVID-19 testing. The two-page notice also advises members to refill prescriptions two weeks early, and to ask their providers about scheduling appointments using telehealth services. ; The risk of coronavirus infection is further affecting services offered by the City of Eugene's Spay and Neuter Clinic: The clinic has extended its suspension of walk-in service through at least Saturday, May 2. Surgical services have been suspended through Monday, June 15. Animal surgeries previously scheduled for this time period will be rescheduled to later dates. Clinic staff will contact animal owners by phone to schedule new dates. Customers who rely on the Spay and Neuter Clinic as their source of flea, tick, deworming, and heartworm medications are advised to seek other sources such as their veterinarian and / or pet supply retailers. ; Thousands of people have signed up for a free online vegetable gardening course being offered by the Oregon State University Extension Service. The Oregonian and OregonLive report more than 18,000 had registered by Wednesday. ; Quick reminder for families that kids continue to eat free on weekdays at many school meal distribution sites across Lane County. These "grab and go" meals are available to any child or teen under 18 years of age. I've

included images for the Eugene and Springfield districts, including Eugene District 4J's expanded sites, but check the webpage for your child's district or visit FOOD for Lane County's website for updates. Note: Some of the listing on the FFLC link only covered distributions through the month of March but most—if not all—sites are continuing their schedules through April. <https://foodforlanecounty.org/school-district-meals/> ; The Oregonian and OregonLive is reporting that an Oregon veteran who celebrated his 104th birthday Wednesday could be one of the oldest people in the world to survive the new coronavirus. His daughter says William Lapschies (say: LAP-sheez), among the first Oregonians known to have the disease, has been declared free of the virus. The woman says her father is feeling perky and very excited to be alive and celebrating his landmark birthday. Lapschies was one of the people sickened with COVID-19 during the outbreak at the Oregon Veterans Home in Lebanon. Two of 15 residents at the veterans' home who tested positive have died. But Lapschies beat the odds. He celebrated yesterday with a party in front of the veterans' home, where family and friends maintained social distancing but he enjoyed a double-layered chocolate cake, balloons and the greetings of well-wishers. He's not the only Oregonian with advanced age to beat COVID-19. A 95-year-old Yamhill County man, also a veteran, has survived. Elsewhere in the world, a 101-year-old man in Spain has survived, as have two 103-year-old women, one from China and one from Iran. / SPORTS: More national honors for Oregon players Sabrina Ionescu, Ruthy Hebard and Payton Pritchard. Ionescu on Thursday for a second year won the Wade Trophy, one of several national Player-of-the-Year honors. On Wednesday, Ionescu and Ruthy Hebard were named to the 2020 John R. Wooden All-America Team, which makes them finalists for the Wooden Award for the nation's top female college basketball player. Duck standout Payton Pritchard also was named a Wooden All-American and is a finalist for the men's awards. The 44th annual presentation of the Wooden Awards to the most outstanding college basketball men's and women's players will take place Monday, April 6, during the 2 p.m. edition of SportsCenter on ESPN. ; Oregon State's Destiny Slocum has opted to enter the transfer portal for her final season of eligibility. Slocum, a 5-foot-7 guard, averaged a team-best 14.9 points and 4.7 assists this past season with the Beavers, who finished the season ranked No. 14 with a 23-9 record. she ranked ninth in the Pac-12 in scoring and fifth in assists. In a statement released by the university on Thursday, Slocum thanked everyone who supported her in the decision. / MILITARY, COMMUNITY: It is one of America's historic naval vessels. The USS Constitution launched in 1797 and is the nation's oldest commissioned warship afloat. Public tours in Boston are suspended during the pandemic. But yesterday morning, a Veneta native and 2017 graduate of Elmira High school helped lead a Facebook Live tour of the historic vessel. The Naval Seaman, Emma Hoernlein (say: HEARN'-lyn), took viewers through the ship on a tour that included several areas normally closed to the public, and provided an opportunity for virtual visitors to ask live questions. Hoernlein has served in the Navy for two years, and USS Constitution is her first duty station. Duty aboard the USS Constitution is one of the Navy's special programs, and all prospective crewmembers must meet a high standard of sustained excellence and interview to be selected for the assignment. Hoernlein said she wanted to serve aboard USS Constitution to have the authentic experience of being a true "square-rig" sailor. She says it's an opportunity very few Sailors get to have and that the field is filled with great knowledge and honor. The active-duty Sailors stationed aboard USS Constitution normally provide free tours and offer public visitation to more than 600,000 people each year as they support the ship's mission of promoting the Navy's history, maritime heritage, and raising awareness of the importance of a sustained naval presence. USS Constitution was undefeated in battle and captured 33 opponents. The ship earned the nickname of Old Ironsides during the war of 1812 after British cannonballs were seen bouncing off the ship's wooden

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, SCHOOLS, FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME: The coronavirus by the numbers: This morning at 4:30 a.m., there were 1.28 million cases of COVID-19 reported worldwide, more than 70,000 deaths, with more than 270,000 recovered. In the U.S., 338,000 people have tested positive for the virus. More than 9,600 have died. More than 17,000 have recovered. Half of the nation's cases are in the New York metropolitan area. The states with the largest number of cumulative cases include the states of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania; Michigan; California; Louisiana; Massachusetts; Florida; and Illinois. Oregon has recorded 1,068 positive tests for the coronavirus—including 100 new cases on Saturday and 69 on Sunday. The Oregon Health Authority reported five more deaths over the weekend, bringing state's death toll to 27. There are 28 positive tests in Lane County, as well as one suspected death from COVID-19 more than three weeks ago. That includes outbreaks in the Portland metropolitan area, including 259 cases in Washington county; 233 cases in Multnomah County; and 84 confirmed cases in Clackamas County. Marion County, which includes the city of Salem, has 198 confirmed cases. Linn County has 43 confirmed cases. Deschutes County has 39 positive tests. Neighboring Washington state has close to 8,000 cases. ; Lane County Public Health announced four new cases over the weekend, bringing the county's total "presumptive positive" cases to 28. Officials said on Saturday that a man in his 60s who lives in a private residence in Eugene-Springfield but is currently being treated in a hospital intensive-care unit. On Sunday, they released details on three more patients. They include a woman in her 80s who lives in a private residence in Eugene-Springfield but is hospitalized in an intensive-care unit; and two women in their 30s, both of whom are described as living in private residences in the Eugene-Springfield area. Both are described as being "medically stable" and recovering in their homes. On Friday, Lane County officials announced four positive tests. Two of the cases are believed to be travel-related: Health investigators say each of the patients recently traveled to an area or a community where there now are outbreaks of COVID-19. One patient is a man in his 70s. The second is a woman in her 60s. Both patients live in private residences in the Eugene-Springfield area and are at home and considered medically stable. The other two patients are teenagers: a 16-year-old and an 18-year-old, both males. These are the first positive cases among teenagers in Lane County. But health investigators say they believe the two contracted COVID-19 through what's known as "household transmission": They were exposed first-hand within a household setting to a person with a known case of the virus. County health officials said earlier this week such cases are not unexpected, because most people are staying home, including those who have tested positive for the virus. But when a household self-isolates, it increases the likelihood of

transmission to others in the same household, while reducing the likelihood that the virus will spread from those individuals to the community at large. Of Lane County's 28 positive cases, 27 are from the Eugene-Springfield area. One is from rural Lane County: Five of those patients have recovered. *Lane County Public Health officials say patients are considered "recovered" if they have been symptom-free for 72 hours without the help of medication.* Seven individuals are hospitalized. Fifteen are sick at home. And there is one suspected COVID-19 death from more than three weeks ago, a woman in her 60s. ; Most with COVID-19 suffer only mild to moderate symptoms and recover within two to three weeks. Locally, about half of the patients told Lane County health investigators their symptoms began with a loss of smell and taste that persisted throughout their illness. Common symptoms included what many described as prolonged, splitting headaches. They also suffered unexplained fatigue—like waking up in the morning and feeling extreme fatigue despite a good night sleep. There is the COVID-19 fever and cough. And about ten percent of local patients say they also experienced days of nausea or diarrhea. ; While it is a bit unsettling on the surface to hear about the increased number of positive cases across Oregon, state and local health officials note that much of that is because of the expansion of testing and the expansion of processing capacity now that a number of private labs have begun processing tests, in addition to the state public health lab. Here in Lane County, 926 people have been tested. Officials say *the number is likely below the actual number of tests conducted. Private labs are processing tests from Lane County residents and officials say there is variability in reporting of negative results. Lane County Public Health is being notified of any positive test results.* ; On Friday, officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued new guidance for preventing the spread of the coronavirus, urging Americans to wear cloth face shields when they are out in public. These are not the same as medical masks, which are in desperately short supply. Rather, these are washable cloth shields, whether bandanas, hand-sewn masks covering the mouth and nose, balaclavas or some variation. They're not to protect you from the virus so much as they are to protect others from you. Health experts already knew that the coronavirus can be spread by people several days before they begin showing symptoms. The concern is that if an infected person coughs, sneezes, or even stands too close to someone when speaking, it can spread the virus and infect those nearby. ; Are you making your own personal cloth face shield this week? There are plenty of free patterns available online. And there are plenty of people sewing and selling them online. If you're looking for a face shield on Etsy, a reminder that you can shop Oregon and shop local. One you've searched for the cloth face mask, scroll down the list of filters on the left-hand side of the screen. You can select vendors who are only from the United States or even do a geographic search for those in Oregon, in Eugene and Springfield, or the community closest to you. ; On Friday, the @CDC recommended Americans wear homemade masks or cloth face coverings when out in public to protect others from infection. A reminder from the Oregon Health Authority: Homemade masks can supplement but do not replace the state's "Stay Home, Save Lives" orders. OHA officials say staying home and avoiding all non-essential contact with others continues to be the most important way to stay healthy and keep others healthy. The agency also asks that medical masks be saved for health care workers, who are on the front lines of caring for those with COVID-19. ; Schools are resuming classes this and next week across Oregon, although the teachers and students will be doing their work and homework online. In many districts, students are receiving "loaner laptops" or tablets if they don't have access to a computer at home. Others in rural areas are working to figure out the best way to get curriculum to students whose families might not have access to Wi-Fi and other strong internet connections. Some are looking into providing "mobile hotspots" that would allow homes to connect to the internet via cellphone towers. Last

week, State School Superintendent Colt Gill warned that in-person classes might not resume this spring, meaning children and teens will need to learn online for the rest of the academic year. ; Officials with the American Hotel and Lodging Association, an industry group, say more than 15,000 hotels have signed up for the new "Hospitality for Hope" initiative. It's an effort by hotels to provide temporary housing for emergency and healthcare workers amid the growing COVID-19 public health crisis. While the program is primarily focused on serving the healthcare community, some hotel owners and managers are working with officials around the country to determine whether hotels could potentially be used as "Alternative Care Sites" as an overflow emergency facility or as place for those who are quarantined could stay, if needed. The American Hotel and Lodging Association estimates there are 2.3 million hotel rooms nationwide that are located in close proximity to healthcare facilities. ; COVID-19 is a respiratory illness. Inhaling smoke harms your respiratory system. That's why the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency is banning all outdoor burning until further notice. LRAPA officials say they know many residents need to conduct outdoor burns to manage and maintain their lands. But they're concerned that smoke from local fires will harm COVID-19 patients recovering at home, slowing their recoveries and possibly worsening their conditions. Exposure to smoke also may increase the risk of contracting respiratory diseases such as COVID-19, as well as increase the severity of such infections. And smoke inhalation on its own creates upper respiratory symptoms which might be incorrectly attributed to COVID-19 resulting in unnecessary testing or self-isolation. LRAPA officials add that there are severe shortages of the personal protective equipment designed to reduce smoke exposure—many of those supplies are being diverted to hospitals and other medical facilities. And if you're burn gets out of control, you're putting a strain on first responders and other emergency services, who are already operating at reduced capacity and with limited resources. LRAPA for now is encouraging alternatives to burning. Paper products can be recycled instead of burned, vegetation can be placed in a compost pile, yard debris can be taken to a recycling location, and old lumber can be salvaged and reused. ; The weather is looking sunny and warmer much of this week. But as we prepare to head back outdoors, officials are sounding a warning about maintaining social distancing and not growing complacent about the risk of infection. On Friday, the City of Eugene Parks & Open Space Division issued an advisory that can apply to other parks and recreation areas across the state. Officials say they're concerned because, in some locations, people are ignoring warnings about physical distancing as well as signs noting the closures of playgrounds, skateparks, and sports courts. Parks staffers are NOT monitoring and sanitizing closed park areas, which means if you violate the closures and ignore the signs, you're putting yourself and those around you at greater risk of being infected by the coronavirus. That said, most bike paths across Oregon, as well as trail heads, community gardens and some dog parks remain open. But that only will continue as long as you are practicing physical distancing. ; Personal firewood cutting on the Willamette National Forest is free to the general public through June 1, 2020. No permit will be required during this time. Woodcutters can take up to four cords of firewood for personal use. A cord is the amount of tightly piled wood in a stack four feet high by four feet wide by eight feet long. "This is a difficult time for many in our community, and we are in this together," said Willamette National Forest Acting Forest Supervisor Duane Bishop. "It is our hope that people who rely on firewood for their daily living needs benefit from this opportunity." Personal use firewood cutting allows you to remove downed timber or to cut standing dead trees under most conditions on the Willamette National Forest. It is important to check with the local ranger district to see what specific local restrictions or requirements other than those listed below may apply. Woodcutters should also use caution while driving on Forest Service roads. Many remain snow covered and icy at

higher elevations. Roadside shoulders at lower elevations are wet and muddy; many collector roads have soft roadbeds that can easily be damaged by vehicle traffic. Additionally, forest officials request that woodcutters also follow these requirements: Do not fell green (live) trees for firewood. Do not cut cedar or Pacific yew. Do not cut standing dead trees or down logs with signs, tags or paint marks on them. Firewood gathering is prohibited in all developed recreation areas, campgrounds and wild and scenic river corridors. Firewood gathering is prohibited within timber sale units or other areas signed or shown on the firewood gathering area map (if provided) as being closed to firewood gathering. Trees or logs must NOT be felled or skidded across live streams, lakes, or reservoirs. If a tree is accidentally felled into a waterway, leave the entire tree. Firewood gathering is prohibited within 150 feet of any running stream, pond, lake, marshy, or wet area. The following activities are prohibited: using over-the-terrain vehicles for skidding, yarding or skidding systems in excess of 100 feet, log trucks for hauling, or vehicles driven off roadways to gather firewood. Six feet is the maximum length piece that may be removed under the firewood program. The following are fire regulations for vehicles and chainsaws (during proclaimed fire season): Chainsaw operators must always have a serviceable fire extinguisher (liquid -chemical 8 oz. or dry chemical 1 lb.) and shovel available. Chainsaws must be equipped with an approved spark arrester screen. All vehicles must be equipped with a baffled muffler and serviceable tailpipe. Firewood obtained is intended for personal use only and not for resale. Inquire by phone or email with your local District offices regarding commercial firewood permits. Pile or lop and scatter slash away from roads, power lines, telephone lines, ditches and stream courses. The firewood cutting information and guidelines are available on the Willamette National Forest website. Handouts are also being made available to pick up from outside front doors of the Middle Fork, McKenzie, Sweet Home and Detroit Ranger Districts. ; A reminder that the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce have frequently updated COVID-19 pages. They offer resources for business owners and managers, as well as information on which businesses are open for delivery, takeout food and other items or services. If you're outside the metro area, your local Chamber of Commerce might offer similar information. ; Lane Community College's Small Business Development Center is offering telephone support and virtual counseling sessions for small business owners navigating the COVID-19 challenges. The staff support is available on weekdays. And Lane's Small Business Development Center's "Keeping the Lights On" webpage contains plenty of resources for small businesses affected by the pandemic. ; With record numbers of people filing for unemployment benefits, the Oregon Employment Department is hiring. The Employment Department is hiring to fill multiple claims specialists positions. Apply today to help with the record increase in unemployment insurance claims. ; Your local library is amazing resource during these tough times. Even with doors closed, many offer patrons a rich selection of online offerings, ranging from digital books and magazines, music, videos, to educational resources and more. Your library card allows you to set up an online account. If you don't have a library card, go to your library's website: Many are allowing patrons to sign up for a digital card rather than visiting the library, itself. ; Trained volunteers with Lane County's non-emergency call center continue to answer questions seven days a week, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. That number is 541-682-1380. That's 541-682-1380. Lane County Public Health continues to post coronavirus updates here on its website. And the Oregon Health Authority is posting daily updates. When you go to the Oregon Health Authority's coronavirus webpage, you also may sign up for regular email updates. ; Oregon is sending 140 ventilators to New York, where infections in the New York City metropolitan area account for half of the nation's close to 338,000 COVID-19 cases. Even with the shipment to New York, Oregon still will have 762 ventilators

available. Governor Kate Brown announced the effort on Twitter Saturday morning, saying New York desperately needs more ventilators and Oregon is answering the call for help. Washington state's governor is taking similar steps. It comes as residents in the Northwest are staying home and slowing the spread of the virus in our region. The ventilators are among those Oregon received from the Strategic National Stockpile on March 27. Washington state's governor says those ventilators from the federal government will be used on non-COVID-19 patients, because they cannot supply the higher amount of air pressure COVID-19 patients' lungs need to breathe. But by shifting those patients to the newly arrived ventilators, it will reduce the strain on overwhelmed New York hospitals. ; Officials in some U.S. states and cities say they've received masks, gloves, ventilators and other essential equipment from the nation's strategic stockpile that are unusable. Among the concerns during the past week: In Oregon, it was masks with faulty elastic that could cause the straps to snap, exposing medical workers to the disease. More than 150 ventilators sent to Los Angeles were broken and had to be repaired. Nearly 6,000 medical masks sent to Alabama had dry rot and a 2010 expiration date. The CDC acknowledged late last month that some items in the U.S. stockpile have exceeded their manufacturer-designated shelf life. They were nevertheless being sent to hospitals "due to the potential urgent demand caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency," the CDC said. Some of the equipment had been purchased during the H1N1 outbreak more than a decade ago. The masks with fragile elastic that were sent to Oregon had been among products previously recalled by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Because of the problems, the state did not distribute them to medical workers. A shortage of protective gear has imperiled doctors, nurses and other front-line medical workers. Life-saving ventilators have been in short supply as more and more states experience outbreaks of the COVID-19 disease, which typically causes mild or moderate symptoms but can be especially perilous for older adults and people with existing health problems. Many younger adults and medical workers also have succumbed to the disease. ; Groups representing doctors, hospitals and senior care facilities are asking Oregon Governor Kate Brown to give them limited legal immunity in their treatment of coronavirus cases and patients who may be affected by the pandemic. A spokesman in the governor's office says she is reviewing the request but no decision has been made. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the groups are asking Brown to issue an executive order limiting their legal immunity during the state of emergency, unless proven that someone was grossly negligent. Providers could still be sued, but the groups want limits to liability stemming from things like the lack of personal protective equipment and coronavirus testing capacity. The groups making the request include the Oregon Medical Association, Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems and Oregon Health Care Association, pointed to executive action taken in New York by Gov. Andrew Cuomo and said they're looking for the same thing. The spread of the coronavirus has thrown the state's health care system into unprecedented upheaval, delaying hundreds of elective procedures, sparking preparations for a potential surge of patients and rationing of personal protective equipment like masks and gloves. Brown ordered a halt to elective surgeries statewide March 19, aiming to free up hospital bed space and conserve personal protective equipment like respirators, gowns and gloves. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19, HEALTH, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, HOMELESSNESS, COMMUNITY: Social distancing is making a difference and saving lives in Oregon, according to the latest projections from the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME). The Institute's latest data forecasts that Oregon infections will peak on April 21, as long as we continue to follow the state's "Stay Home, Save Lives" guidance. That doesn't mean the outbreak will be over: Lane County's Public Health Officer Dr. Patrick Luedtke (say: LUHD'-key) notes that the projected "peak" is likely to be a "plateau." He says we might see a constant number of new cases in Oregon and Lane County for several weeks before the numbers slowly begin to tail off. And the toll of the pandemic will continue to cause heartbreak for many: According to the latest projections, 171 Oregonians are projected to die between now and the end of August (state officials say 29 have died as of April 6), with roughly five dying each day during the peak later this month. But by "flattening the curve" and slowing the rate of infection, the forecast predicts our hospitals should have enough regular and intensive-care beds, ventilators and other resources not just to handle the more severe COVID-19 cases but all of the other patients needing care in a hospital setting. Having said that, this is no time to relax and become complacent: With sunny weather in the forecast much of this week, officials are concerned many Oregonians might ignore social distancing advice and contribute to the virus' spread. ; Lane County Public Health officials yesterday announced two more positive tests for COVID-19, bringing the county's cumulative number of cases to 30. The two new patients are: A man in his 40s who lives in a private residence in the Eugene-Springfield area and a woman in her 40s who lives in a private residence in rural Lane County. Both are considered medically stable and both are self-isolating at their homes. Of Lane County's 30 positive cases, 28 from the Eugene-Springfield area, two are from elsewhere in Lane County. Most of the cases—22 of the 30—are in adults ages 40 and older. But six patients are in their 20s and two are teens. Slightly more men than women have tested positive in Lane County: 17 men versus 13 women. Five of those patients have recovered. *Lane County Public Health officials say patients are considered "recovered" if they have been symptom-free for 72 hours without the help of medication.* Six individuals are hospitalized. Eighteen are sick at home. There was one suspected COVID-19 death from more than three weeks ago, involving a 60-year-old woman. Over the weekend, announced several new cases: One of the hospitalized patients, a woman in her 80s from the Eugene-Springfield area, is being treated a hospital intensive-care unit. A woman in her 30s from Eugene-Springfield is medically stable and recovering at home. She is an interesting case, because public health investigators were able to link her infection to a previously diagnosed case in our area. ; Officials with the Oregon Health Authority reported

Monday morning that COVID-19 has claimed two more lives, raising the state's death toll to 29. The two were a 93-year-old Washington County man and a 70-year-old Marion County woman. Both had underlying medical conditions. The Oregon Health Authority also reported 64 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the statewide total to 1,132. Across the state, Oregon's largest outbreaks include a cumulative 271 cases in Washington County, southwest of Portland; 243 combined cases in Portland's populous Multnomah County; 209 cases in Marion County, which includes Salem. There are 90 combined cases in Clackamas County; 44 in Linn County; and 40 in Deschutes County. ; Public health officials say 993 people have been tested for the coronavirus here in Lane County. Officials add that *number is likely below the actual number of tests conducted because private labs are processing tests and how they report their negative results varies. But they are notifying Lane County Public Health of any positive test results.* ; Most with COVID-19 suffer only mild to moderate symptoms and recover within two to three weeks. Locally, about half of the patients told Lane County health investigators their symptoms began with a loss of smell and taste that persisted throughout their illness. Common symptoms included what many described as prolonged, splitting headaches. They also suffered unexplained fatigue—like waking up in the morning and feeling extreme fatigue despite a good night sleep. There is the COVID-19 fever and cough. And about ten percent of local patients say they also experienced days of nausea or diarrhea. ; Local governments have partnered with the White Bird Clinic to create new sites for temporary emergency shelters for those who are homeless and unhoused. The project is a joint effort by White Bird, the cities of Eugene and Springfield and Lane County. The first two temporary shelter sites are located in the parking lots of the Amazon and Hilyard Community Centers in Eugene: The spaces in the sites are available by referral only. Individuals first must go to the White Bird Clinic's distribution site at 341 East 12th Avenue first to be assigned to a designated temporary shelter location. Individuals seeking to check into an emergency shelter site first must receive a basic medical screening. They also receive some basic sanitation and hygiene supplies. The White Bird distribution site is open seven days per week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The temporary shelter sites are locations where small groups of people—up to 10 people or six tents—may camp in tents or vehicles that are situated to provide appropriate social distancing: The sites will include portable restrooms and handwashing stations, basic food and supplies, and volunteers and staff who will conduct regular check-ins to monitor campers' welfare and overall health. The locations have privacy fencing in place to help enhance each sites' security. The sites are being managed by White Bird and Carry It Forward, both of which are local homeless service providers. Coordinators say unhoused individuals who are already safely sheltering in place elsewhere are advised to stay where they are and access supplies through the White Bird distribution site or outreach teams, rather than relocating to the temporary shelter locations. Earlier this month, local governments and social service agencies began active outreach to homeless individuals to ensure they had essential supplies to meet their basic food, water and hygiene needs so they could shelter in place. Teams also shared educational information and lists of local resources. ; Meantime, local governments continue to set up publicly available portable restrooms and handwashing stations in their communities. For example, crews deployed by the City of Eugene's Emergency Operations Center have placed close to 40 portable restrooms and 50 handwashing stations around the city. Many local government websites now contain COVID-19 pages that include lists of or maps showing locations of their restroom and handwashing stations. The increased resources support guidelines from the Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention, which note that regular handwashing is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick, and prevent the spread of germs and COVID-19 to others. ; The Eugene Emeralds,

University of Oregon and Kendall Cares are joining forces with American Red Cross to host a blood drive at the Moshofsky Center, next to Autzen Stadium this week. The event takes place over two days: Wednesday, April 8, from 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. Thursday, April 9, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. All blood types are needed, and people who have never donated before are encouraged to donate. To make an appointment, visiting redcrossblood.org/give. Donors must be 17 years old or older, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in general good health. Due to the recent COVID-19 precautions close to 7,000 American Red Cross blood drives have been cancelled, resulting in about 200,000 fewer blood donations. The need for blood is constant and patients will continue to need lifesaving blood products during the crisis. Blood donations are used in surgeries, cancer treatments, for chronic illnesses and traumatic injuries, and to save the lives of dangerously premature newborns. In conjunction with the blood drive, the Eugene Emeralds, the University of Oregon and Kendall Cares will be hosting a food drive to benefit FOOD for Lane County. Kendall will have a truck on-site to accept donations of canned goods and non-perishable items. To protect food drive volunteers, donors are asked to put items in their trunks and hatch backs and not exit their vehicles when they arrive at the drop-off location. An on-site attendant will remove the items for them. The Red Cross has added safety precautions to the drive to ensure the health and safety of all who attend. They include a temperature screening, along with enhanced disinfection and social distancing in donor areas. Blood drive donors also are asked to sign up online for an appointment time at www.redcrossblood.org/give rather than just showing up. If this week's event fills up, check to see when other blood drives are taking place this month. The University of Oregon also has created a virtual fundraiser for FOOD for Lane County at www.goducks.com Fans are asked to donate online if they are unable to contribute in person. ; Another national grocery chain is limiting the number of shoppers in its stores at any given time, to better enforce social distancing and reduce the risk of infection from the coronavirus. Kroger, the parent company of Fred Meyer stores and the nation's largest supermarket chain, is posting limits this week on the number of shoppers permitted inside stores at any given time. Walmart stores began a similar effort over the weekend. The capacity varies by store, based on its overall square footage and how aisles and other shopping areas are set up. Kroger and Fred Meyer officials say a traditional grocery-pharmacy "combo" store might allow 500 to 625 shoppers at a time. Larger stores might allow up to 1,000 shoppers at a time. The chain is also planning to test one-way aisles in some of its stores to see whether that relieves shopping congestion in certain parts of the grocery area to enhance social distancing. Kroger says Fred Meyer and its other stores are temporarily waiving prescription delivery fees via mail or courier. Contact your local pharmacy for details. ; While hundreds of thousands of U.S. businesses are working to secure those forgivable federal stimulus loans to stay solvent, one large sector was left out: cannabis companies. From growers and distributors to retail outlets, legal medical and recreational marijuana and cannabis companies are unable to apply for the small-business loans because, while marijuana products are legal in Oregon and dozens of other states, marijuana is still considered an illicit drug by the federal government. That's an added challenge for the companies, most of which are cash-only businesses because they're denied access to the federal banking system. This week, Oregon Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley are among 11 co-signers of a letter to their Senate colleagues, urging passage of legislative language that would prohibit the U.S. Small Business Administration from denying those loan applications in states that have legalized cannabis use. The letter notes that states collected an estimated \$1.3 billion in tax revenue from legal cannabis sales in 2018 and providing financial assistance through the federal stimulus package would ensure they continue to provide states with some healthy tax payments in the coming months. ; March was a record month for marijuana sales in Oregon.

The Oregonian and OregonLive says figures from the state indicate sales were up 36 percent over the same period last year, as consumers purchased cannabis to carry them through the “Stay Home, Save Lives” era. But retailers are hardly celebrating. They say the mid-March spike in medical and recreational sales was followed by a significant slowdown. It came at the same time retailers say their costs increased to keep customers and staff safe. Governor Kate Brown’s stay-home order allows cannabis retailers to remain open, provided they can maintain social distancing. Some stores have closed, others have limited store hours, and most have changed their retailing to provide either limited access for shoppers or curbside pick-up. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission reports total March sales were about \$84.5 million, up from \$62 million one year earlier. But it wasn’t just panic buying. Investment research firm Cannacord Genuity, estimates February sales in Oregon were up 27 percent compared to the same period in the previous year. Some retailers hope buyers will provide a boost by purchasing ahead of April 20 and the unofficial “4-20” celebration. ; Uncertainty about when the COVID-19 pandemic will ease is prompting event planners to cancel and postpone most spring events—and some set for this summer. One of the largest gatherings in Lane County each summer is the annual Oregon Country Fair, which takes place on the fair’s property outside Veneta on the second weekend of July. But Oregon Country Fair officials announced over the weekend they’re postponing ticket sales, booth registration, entertainment bookings and more until there’s a better sense of when state restrictions prohibiting mass gatherings will be lifted. Planners of many other large summer events are taking a “wait and see” approach until they see updated projections on when the coronavirus crisis will ease in Oregon and when various restrictions will be lifted. ; More people are following the advice from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to wear cloth masks or cloth face shields around the workplace, while shopping and when they go out in public. It’s not so much to protect you as it is to protect those around you should you cough or sneeze. Plus, research indicates people who have the virus and are not yet showing symptoms can infect people just by standing too close and speaking or breathing on others. But Lane County’s Public Health Officer Dr. Patrick Luedtke (say: LUHD’-key), says not everyone is wearing and using masks properly. His tips for safe use: Whether it’s a homemade mask, a bandana or some other piece of fabric, you need to wear it over both your mouth and nose, not just your mouth. You need to wear it the whole time you’re out and about. It’s just not safe to take it off because you’re hot or you’re tired of wearing it. Wash your hands after removing or readjusting your mask and wash the mask after each use. ; The Springfield Public Library has launched a brand-new YouTube channel – the place to go for stories, songs, chants, crafts, exercises, poetry and more. The YouTube channel is being updated regularly and will include Springfield Public Librarians reading picture and chapter books, singing songs and rhymes, and more. There will also be special guests providing craft and yoga instruction. To find, subscribe to, and enjoy the offerings: Go to YouTube and search for “Springfield Public Library – Where Minds Grow.” ; The Oregon Health Authority reported two more deaths from the new coronavirus on Monday, bringing the state’s total number of deaths to 29. Sixty-four new cases were confirmed, bringing the total number of known cases to 1,132 statewide. The deaths announced Monday were a 93-year-old man in Washington County and a 70-year-old female in Marion County. Both had underlying medical conditions. ; Small business owners hoping for quick loans from the government are in a holding pattern — waiting on their bank to either take their application or, if it did, send them the money. Business owners began submitting applications to banks, credit unions and other financial institutions late last week, or at least trying to. If successful, owners received notifications that their applications had been received, but for many, they hadn’t gotten word as of yesterday afternoon. Two of the nation’s largest banks, J.P. Morgan Chase and Citibank, aren’t yet set

up to take applications. That leaves their small business customers to worry that the \$349 billion the government has budgeted for the relief loans will run out before they can apply. ; REI has become the latest in a string of retailers to keep its doors closed because of the COVID-19 pandemic — and its effect on the U.S. economy. Last month, REI said it would close its stores and put workers on paid leave through April 15. Now, it says it will keep its 162 stores closed 90 days and will furlough some of its roughly 14,000 workers without pay. The company says furloughed employees will keep getting health benefits during the 90-day period they are idled. / SPORTS: Oregon Duck fans already knew it. Now, the rest of the nation does. By unanimous decision, Sabrina Ionescu is the best player in women's college basketball. Ionescu won the prestigious Wooden Award for the second straight season on Monday afternoon, completing a clean sweep of the major "National Player of the Year" awards for the 2019-20 season. Ionescu won both the Naismith Trophy and the Wade Trophy last week, and she has also been named national player of the year by the Associated Press, the USBWA and ESPN.com. Also on Monday, Ionescu won her third straight Nancy Lieberman Award as the "National Point Guard of the Year." She also was joined on the Naismith Starting Five by teammates Ruthy Hebard and Satou Sabally. Earlier this spring, Ionescu was a unanimous first-team All-American and the Pac-12 Player of the Year for the third year in a row. She also is a finalist for the Honda Sport Award and the AAU's Sullivan Award. "It's historical," said head coach Kelly Graves. "To see what she's doing — I don't know how often this has been done where one player sweeps everything. And those that have done it would be considered the icons of the game — and I think you can include her there. The only unfortunate part of this is, she doesn't get a chance to validate it with a national championship, like many of the others have. I believe to my core that was going to be the icing on the cake." Ionescu was stellar once again in 2019-20, leading the Ducks to a 31-2 overall record and a sweep of the Pac-12 regular-season and tournament championships. The only collegiate player ever to reach 2,000 career points (2,562), 1,000 assists (1,091) and 1,000 rebounds (1,040), Ionescu matched her own NCAA single-season record as a senior with eight triple-doubles to give her 26 for her career, more than twice as many as any other player in history. Though her career ended abruptly with the cancellation of the NCAA Tournament due to COVID-19, Ionescu shined in her final games while leading Oregon to the Pac-12 Tournament title. Ionescu was named the tournament's most outstanding player for the second time in her career after nearly averaging a triple-double through three games, headlined by a 31-point performance in the semifinals. Ionescu is widely expected to be the top overall pick in the upcoming WNBA Draft, which will be held virtually on Friday, April 17, beginning at 5 p.m. PT on ESPN. / CRIME: Eugene Police yesterday released details about a series of unfortunate events that led to Sunday's early-morning fire at a U-Haul truck rental lot in the Santa Clara area. Police and fire crews were dispatched at 5:45 a.m. Sunday after reports that several vehicles were engulfed in flames. Investigators learned two men separately contributed to the blaze: One unknown male was siphoning gas from at least one of the U-Haul trucks. At the same time, police say another man, identified as 28-year-old Dylan Thomas Hannah of Eugene was allegedly involved in what appeared to be a verbal dispute with a woman near the front doors of the business. Evidence indicates Hannah was inside his vehicle and the woman was standing outside the vehicle. Officers say at some point, Hannah lit and threw an exploding firework toward the woman as she ran for cover. When the firework exploded, investigators say it sent burning pieces under a parked U-Haul truck, right at the unsuspecting gasoline thief. That caused the gas to ignite and light the vehicles on fire, including the man siphoning the gas. That man was last seen running, on fire, toward River Road. Officers say they contacted Hannah at his residence, recovered a second firework, and charged him with Second-Degree Criminal Mischief, Reckless

Burning and Recklessly Endangering. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS: Lane County Public Health officials yesterday announced two new COVID-19 cases: The first is a man in his 60s who lives in the Eugene-Springfield area. He was initially hospitalized for other medical conditions, then was diagnosed with a coronavirus infection while in the hospital. The second is a woman in her 50s from Eugene-Springfield area. She lives in a private residence and is currently considered medically stable at home. Of the county's 32 patients who tested positive for COVID-19: Seven have recovered. County public health officials define a patient as "recovered" 72 hours after their fever has broken and they have stopped coughing without the assistance of medications. Six remain hospitalized. Seventeen are sick at home. There was one suspected COVID-19 death more than three weeks ago, a woman in her 60s from the Eugene-Springfield area. ; COVID-19 has claimed 4 more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 33, the Oregon Health Authority reported Tuesday morning. The four were women between the ages of 71 and 98. Three were in Marion County, one in Washington County. All had underlying medical conditions. State officials also reported 49 new cases of COVID-19, bringing Oregon's cumulative total to 1,181 since the outbreak began in late February. There have been at least 464 hospital admissions involving confirmed or suspected cases. Statewide, 69 of those patients have been placed on ventilators for at least part of their illness. ; The United States will pass another painful milestone later this morning, as the number of diagnosed coronavirus cases rises above 400,000. Across the state of New York yesterday, 731 patients died. Since the outbreak began, New York City has recorded more than 4,000 deaths, with close to 1,000 more dying in the suburbs. Hospitals in New York City remain overwhelmed with patients and officials estimated yesterday that one person is dying in New York City every two minutes. The U.S. death toll is expected to top 13,000 later this morning. The nation's other hotspots include parts of New Jersey and Pennsylvania; Michigan, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Florida and California. But officials say at least 22,500 Americans have recovered. ; When they are notified of new positive tests, Lane County Public Health investigators say they begin working to determine how a patient was infected by the virus and whether any of their close contacts might be at risk. It's a sometimes-challenging process, since those who have contracted the virus might not have started showing symptoms anywhere from two to 14 days after infection. Think about what you did, where you were, who you saw during the past two weeks: Did you go to work? To the grocery store? Visit a park and touch something others might have touched? What day did those things happen/ What time? Most people are a bit fuzzy about where they were and when on a good day. The situation is even more challenging when a patient falls ill with COVID-19 and is in a weakened state or even unconscious. Then, health investigators must rely on other sources—family,

friends, co-workers, retail clerks—to try to retrace a patient's steps. But they do have success. One of Monday's announced cases is a man in his 30s who lives in the Eugene-Springfield area. Health investigators in less than a day were able to determine how he was infected. That sort of information helps county public health experts get a better sense of how the disease is moving through our community. ; Yesterday morning, we talked about new projections for the state of Oregon that indicated the rate of coronavirus infections and deaths might begin to peak and plateau in on April 21, then slowly begin easing a few weeks later. But Lane County Public Health officials said Tuesday that the statewide estimate takes into account the earlier onset of cases in the Portland metropolitan area, including Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties. They say the first cases in the Eugene-Springfield appeared later and our infection rate is slower, so Lane County's latest projections indicate that our area and the rest of rural Oregon might not see the peak in COVID-19 cases arrive until May 6. That means we could see higher numbers of cases for several weeks in May before the infection rate begins slowing by the end of next month. How many cases across Lane County and rural Oregon? It's hard for data analysts to predict anything but a wide range of numbers. But they say that at its peak, parts of Oregon outside of the Portland metro area might see daily peaks of anywhere from 400 to 1,700 new cases. Most of those with the infection would have mild to moderate symptoms. And county health officials say the numbers could come in lower if people continue to socially distance. ; How are Lane County residents doing with social distancing? County public health officials say based on observation and anecdotal reports, most people are following the guidelines to stay safe and protect others from infection. They say there was a learning curve, but people have gotten better at talking with friends and family from a safe distance, and socially distancing whenever they step outside or take their dogs for walks. And officials say grocery stores and other retailers have taken steps to protect their staff and customers by adding signs and floor stickers in aisles and checkout lines and in some cases limiting the number of people who may come in and shop at any one time. At the same time, Lane County Public Health officials know warmer weather and the religious holidays of Easter and Passover have the potential to bringing many people out of their homes. They say during this important holiday week many churches and other faith-based organizations are taking steps to stream their services for find alternate ways for members to observe the religious holidays. Health experts, when asked, are providing information on how organizations can create and maintain social distancing. As for the sunny, warmer weather: County health experts know the rain the past couple of weeks helped reduce the number of people heading outdoors. They say there's nothing wrong with getting some fresh air and enjoying the spring weather. But they remind everyone to balance the need to head outside with the need to social distance. ; Oregon Governor Kate Brown yesterday convened the first meeting of her COVID-19 Medical Advisory Panel today. It's a group of doctors, infectious disease experts, nurses and other medical professionals from across the state who are monitoring the coronavirus in Oregon. The panel members are sharing information they receive from medical providers and facilities across the state, acting as a resource for the Oregon Health Authority, and making recommendations on future state actions that might be needed to slow the virus' spread. Many of the panel members come from the Portland area, but two are from our region. They are: Doctor Robert Pelz, an Infectious Disease & Critical Care specialist with PeaceHealth in Springfield and Eugene; and Doctor Bob Dannenhoffer, Douglas County's Public Health Officer. The panel is meeting twice weekly and review Oregon's response in the areas of testing capacity, hospital capacity, acquiring protective equipment, and encouraging social distancing. ; More social distancing policies take effect tomorrow on Lane Transit District buses to keep drivers and riders safe from the spread of the coronavirus. Lane

Transit will require all passengers on LTD vehicles and visitors to LTD facilities to wear a face mask that covers their nose and mouth. It comes after the CDC recommended that anyone leaving their homes use non-medical face coverings to limit their potential exposure to the virus and to prevent exposing others. Today, bus operators and all essential LTD staff also will wear face masks covering their nose and mouth. ; Members of the Lane County Board of Commissioners last week approved the emergency purchase of the former Veterans Affairs Clinic on River Avenue in order to increase the county's ability to handle an expected "surge" of COVID-19 patients among the area's homeless population in the weeks ahead. The building had been vacant for years and the owner agreed to allow the County to occupy the site while the \$1.8 million dollar purchase is going through. Crews began work last week to get the facility into shape. Yesterday, county officials offered members of the media a closer look. The site will be used as a "respite and recovery center" for: those who are waiting for their COVID-19 test results, but do not require hospitalization and do not have the resources to isolate themselves; and those who have tested positive for COVID-19, but who do not require hospitalization and do not have the resources to isolate themselves. The length of stay for each person will depend upon their individual medical needs and condition. County officials say the building will help free up hospital beds by providing a safe space for discharged homeless patients to isolate themselves. The 18,000 square-foot building contains many individual rooms to allow for social distancing between patients and staff. Basic food and laundry services will also be provided on-site. People who are homeless are more vulnerable to the coronavirus because many have respiratory infections and weakened immune systems from harsh living conditions. They also have less access to places to wash their hands and take care of other basic hygiene needs. State and local officials say providing medical shelter with social distancing for the unhoused will help slow the spread of transmission among both the homeless and the overall community. County officials say they looked at efforts in other cities and states to rent hotel rooms. But they such facilities and their rooms have proven difficult and increasingly expensive to secure and put a strain on staff to manage as case numbers climb because it's as not easy to monitor each room and its patient. The county is already partnering with the St. Vincent DePaul Society of Lane County, the cities of Eugene and Springfield, Willamalane, Occupy Medical and others to provide emergency shelter for homeless people who are healthy. Those sites are at the Lane County Fairgrounds and the Memorial Building on North "A" Street in Springfield. ; The Oregon Department of Transportation is shutting down another seven miles of the Historic Columbia River Highway, which leads to many of the area's most popular hikes and waterfalls, following an influx of unruly crowds. And all public land now is closed within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area because some people went so far as to drive around barricades, throw closure signs off the road, and trespass into closed parks and trails. The Oregonian and OregonLive quoted officials who said 200 cars an hour were showing up during the daytime, with occupants trying to access closed recreation areas in the Columbia Gorge. That meant transportation, Forest Service and state parks employees were having to contact trespassers and other would-be visitors about once every four minutes. The highway will now be closed from Larch Mountain to Angels Rest from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. The new road closures will be staffed by state park rangers, with access maintained for local residents and emergency services. Officials are encouraging would-be visitors to "do the right thing" and stay home during the coronavirus outbreak. ; On Saturday, April 11th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Eugene Emeralds, Kendall Cares and Heritage Distilling Co. will be hosting a Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Drive at Kendall Toyota, located at 373 Goodpasture Island Road in Eugene. Organizers will collect new, unused PPE to assist health care providers and others in health care facilities who are treating

patients with the coronavirus. Donations will be distributed to Riverbend PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center and McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center. Items being collected include: Unused, unopened N95 masks (with or without the valve); Unopened protective goggles in original packaging; Unused original packaging hospital gowns; Tyvek Coats and Body suits; New, unused Nitrile gloves; Face Shields; Hand-sewn masks; Bleach; Unopened Clorox wipes; Personal Wipes; Spray Bottles (2 oz, 4 oz); Gift cards to local restaurants for health care providers. In an effort to limit spread of infection, only healthy individuals should drop off donations. Individuals not feeling well or are exhibiting any symptoms to include fever, tiredness and dry cough should stay home. Donors are asked to put items in their trunks/hatch backs and not exit their vehicles when they arrive to the drop off location. An on-site attendant will remove the items for them. If your local business is able to make a bulk donation, contact Eugene Emeralds Community Relations Director Anne Culhane to arrange for pick-up. ; Dutch Bros Coffee is supporting medical first responders treating patients sickened with the coronavirus. During the month of Dutch Bros, which operates in seven western states, will dedicate 100 percent of its profits the #FirstRespondersFirst fund. Donations to the fund provide critical supplies, equipment, and resources to healthcare workers. Last week, the Dutch Bros Foundation dedicated an additional \$1 million to help those impacted by the pandemic. ; The Oregon Home Builders Association (OHBA) has partnered with the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA) and the Oregon Construction Contractors Board (CCB) to develop a comprehensive list of COVID-19 jobsite safety recommendations. The recommendations, which incorporate and build on the workplace safety recommendations issued by state officials, include on-site checklists for construction workers, social distancing guidelines, and information about the importance of identifying site-specific safety captains. In addition to developing a common set of jobsite safety recommendations, OHBA has developed a COVID-19 safety class available to contractors through Home Builders University at <https://homebuildersuniversity.com/oregon-builder-contractor-classes-online/> The class can be taken by contractors to earn continuing education credits in accordance with licensing requirements. Earlier this year, OHBA and AGC partnered together to share best practices and discuss the latest COVID safety information while working proactively with CCB and OSHA. AGC has a well-established safety program and newly developed COVID-19 safety protocols and information specific to commercial construction. Both Oregon OSHA and CCB have published construction-specific COVID-19 response information on their websites to keep contractors up to date and ensure all workers on the jobsite follow COVID-19 safety procedures. The OHBA has made all of its COVID-19 response resources available online at www.oregonhba.com The resources are free to members and non-members. OHBA's COVID-19 safety class is also available online at the Home Builders University website. ; The Oregon Department of Revenue is hearing reports that taxpayers are receiving calls and email phishing attempts related to the coronavirus and COVID-19. Other scams are showing up online and on social media. Officials warn the scammers are trying to steal your identity, your bank or credit card information and your federal stimulus check. The Oregon Department of Revenue reminds you that most people who qualify to receive a stimulus check do not need to sign up, apply, or verify any personal information, online or elsewhere. Many scams have certain elements in common: They might emphasize the words "stimulus check" or "stimulus payment." They'll ask their targets to sign over their economic impact payment check to them. They'll claim they need to verify your personal and/or banking information, saying that the information is needed to receive or speed up your payment. They'll suggest you can get a tax refund or economic impact payment faster if you let them work on your behalf. Or they'll mail you a bogus

check, perhaps in an odd amount, then tell you to call a number or verify information online in order to cash it. **DON'T FALL FOR IT!** Government agencies do not send unsolicited emails seeking taxpayers' private information in order to send them money. If the IRS needs to contact you, it will do so through regular mail delivered by the U.S. Postal Service, not email or social media. Report scams to the Oregon Department of Justice or the IRS. ; A nice pivot by the team at the University of Oregon's scientific instrument shop. It's an effort to provide some essential protection to medical providers. In more normal times, workers in the UO's Technical Science Administration might be busy welding titanium plasma shields or fabricating photovoltaic test beds. But for the past week, the seven-member team has been preparing to produce face shields to aid in the fight against COVID-19. The plan is to make face shields available directly to medical providers. Face shields cover the entire front and sides of the face and are considered vital personal protective equipment for medical workers, emergency responders and others on the front lines of the battle against the coronavirus. The production of face shields is part of a larger effort by the UO to fabricate equipment to assist in the battle against the coronavirus. A group of 3D printing experts is examining whether the UO can aid in the production of ventilator parts and other materials in short supply during the global health crisis. Workers in the machine shop, which produces high-precision instruments for UO science labs, are using a water-jet cutter to fabricate the face shields. The shields protect the wearer's face from body fluids and can be worn in conjunction with masks. Water jet cutters slice through metal or other materials using a jet of water at high velocity and pressure, or a mixture of water and an abrasive substance. The instruments are commonly used during fabrication or manufacture of parts for machinery and other devices. The technical services machine shop has already produced several prototypes of the face shields and are preparing for an initial run of about 200-250. The shop will then stockpile enough materials for a second run of the same quantity. Currently, the shop can produce about 100 face shields per day. Finished products are cleaned with alcohol and individually packaged, and they can be sterilized in an autoclave. The shop employs three students, including student shop manager Geordi Helmick, a senior who has been helping lead the operation while also completing remote coursework in support of her bachelor of fine arts in art and technology. / **CRIME:** Investigators say they're still searching for one of the suspects and vehicles involved in what's being described as a possible road rage incident that was reported during the noon hour on Tuesday east of Cottage Grove. Officials with the Lane County Sheriff's Office say they received a report of possible shots fired during the incident involving two vehicles on Row (rhymes with "ow!") River Road between Mileposts 0.5 and 1.5. Responding deputies, along with Cottage Grove Police and Oregon State Police, received additional information that a white male was seen firing a weapon before he entered the woods nearby. Investigators say they located a gray Dodge Dakota off the road and unoccupied and could not locate the driver. The second vehicle is believed to be a white, four-door sedan or wagon (possibly a white Dodge Magnum). Investigators say its driver fled the scene and that the vehicle was last seen headed eastbound on Row River Road near Dorena Dam and likely has front-end damage on the passenger side and fender. Law enforcement officers searching the area with the assistance of K9 Teams but are still seeking the suspect and the vehicle. In the meantime, investigators with the Lane County Sheriff's Office say if you know anything about the incident, including the whereabouts of the drivers of both vehicles and the location of the white vehicle, call them 541-682-4150, then press 1. ; He was arrested on Friday and charged with ten counts of Encouraging Child Sex Abuse. Springfield Police investigators fear there might be more victims, especially since the suspect spent decades working with children in the community. Detectives say arrested 55-year-old Craig Steinberg after receiving information from a federal Internet Crimes Against

Children Task Force that he was involved in trading child pornography over the internet. When police obtained a search warrant for Steinberg's residence, they say they seized several electronic devices, including computers, and found numerous films and photographs depicting child pornography. Springfield Police are asking for your assistance in identifying potential victims because of Craig Steinberg's work and volunteer history. Investigators say he might have had access to multiple children through his past employment: Detectives say Steinberg worked at SCAR Jasper Mountain Center from January 1997 through April 2007. The Eugene 4J School District has referred children to him for counseling for the past 10-plus years. Police say Steinberg worked for the Bethel School District from 2014-2015 and again in 2017-2019. He worked at Vista Counseling and Consultation as a private contractor since September 2019. Investigators say he also taught a "Mindfulness" class at Thurston Middle School last school year. Springfield Police are asking anyone with information in the case to contact their Investigative Services Division at (541) 726-3721. /

SPORTS; It's official. Payton Pritchard is the best point guard in the nation. On Tuesday, the Oregon men's basketball star was named the recipient of the 2020 Bob Cousy "Point Guard of the Year Award" by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Pritchard is the first Duck to win the Cousy Award and is just the second player in Pac-12 history. The senior from West Linn says, "It means a lot to win this award, to see all the hard work and hours spent in the gym pay off." He added, "You don't get awards like these without winning and that takes a team effort. I want to thank my coaches and teammates for believing in me to lead our team and my parents who sacrificed so much in their lives for me to have moments like these." The 2020 Pac-12 Player of the Year was one of just three players nationally to average at least 20 points, four rebounds and five assists per game and was one of just four players in the country who led his conference in both scoring (20.5 points per game) and assists (5.6 per game). Named Oregon's first consensus first team All-American in 80 years, Pritchard helped Oregon to an outright Pac-12 regular season title, the Ducks' third in the last five years. Oregon finished 24-7 overall (13-5 in the conference). The 13-time first team All-American finished his career as school record holder in assists (659), wins (105) games played (144) and games started (140). He ranks second in both UO career steals with 211 and three-pointers with 288. His 1,938 career points rank fourth all-time at Oregon. Pritchard is the only player in Pac-12 history with 1,900 career points, 600 career assists and 500 career rebounds. With Sabrina Ionescu winning the Nancy Lieberman Award on Monday, Oregon became the first school ever to sweep men's and women's national point guard of the year honors in the same season. Pritchard was also named the recipient of the 2019-20 Lute Olson Award, which is presented annually to the nation's top Division I player, by Colleg Insider.com ; A big loss in Eugene's running community. The Register-Guard is reporting that Bill McChesney Sr., the patriarch of Eugene's first family of running, died at his west Eugene assisted living home Monday morning, just a few weeks ahead of his 92nd birthday. Reporter Chris Hansen writes it came after doctors discovered a mass on McChesney's lung last month while he was seeking treatment for a heart procedure. Family members say McChesney died in his sleep. He and his wife, Marcia, had recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. The Register-Guard notes that Bill McChesney Sr. spent decades helping to officiate track meets at Eugene's Hayward Field for nearly four decades and was an accomplished Masters runner who competed in Eugene's Butte to Butte road race until his late 80s. Three of his four sons competed for the Oregon track and field team, including Bill Jr., who is the school record holder in the 5,000 meters. Another son, Ken McChesney, said his father had an instrumental role in bringing the 1972 U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials to Hayward Field and was a founder of the dentistry school at Lane Community College. /

ENVIRONMENT, WEATHER, AGRICULTURE: All those rainstorms that swept across the

Willamette Valley the last two weeks of March helped add to our snowpack and fill reservoirs. But it's still shaping up to be a drier-than-normal water year across Oregon, according to the latest water supply outlook from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. In terms of snowpack, the Willamette Basin is looking better than most. Readings taken on April 1 found our snowpack was running 103 percent of normal. That was a nice rebound from March 1, when it was 88 percent of normal and the next couple of weeks were unseasonably dry. But last month's rain- and snowfall was just 73 percent of average. And for the water year that began on October 1, we're only at 76 percent of average. And the rain hit the Cascade foothill a lot harder than it did the east side of the Coast range, which is why reservoir store at Fern ridge is running 57 percent of average, compared to Foster Reservoir near Sweet Home, which stands at 158 percent of average. Things are looking drier across the rest of the state—with the exception of the northeast corner. The lower-than-normal conditions include the Umpqua and Rogue Basins. Things could change with another string of storms. But water and wildfire managers, farmers, ranchers and others are keeping a close eye on the trends. ; Oregon's forests remain open for logging and timber sales during the novel coronavirus pandemic because forest products have been deemed part of "critical infrastructure," according to state and federal officials. While forests have strictly limited outdoor recreation to prevent spread of the virus, and halted activities such as prescribed burning, forest officials said they'll continue to support timber activity on public lands. The Bureau of Land Management sold more than 49 million board feet of timber last week alone, while the U.S. Forest Service reiterated its commitment to logging. But Oregon's U.S. senators and environmental groups have objected to approving new timber sales amid a "stay at home" order that makes it difficult, or impossible, to have public meetings or hearings or view proposed sales in person. In Oregon and Washington, the U.S. Forest Service has approved roughly 400 timber projects. Of those, only about 30 to 35 are actively moving forward, officials said. The reasons for that relatively low number could be a number of factors, including an economic slowdown caused by regional orders to stay at home. Freres Lumber Co. President Rob Freres said they're currently logging both private and public lands but that "could abruptly stop," he said. Oregon has required specific measures to protect workers from the spread of coronavirus in many of the industries still in operation. That's also true for loggers. ; The Bureau of Land Management Oregon/Washington sold 48.8 million board feet of timber at auctions last month. The timber, located on Oregon and California Railroad Revested (O&C) Lands across western Oregon, sold for nearly \$13.8 million. For every million board feet of timber harvested on BLM-administered lands in western Oregon, an estimated 13 local jobs are created or maintained and \$647,000 of non-Federal employment income is invested into local economies. One million board feet of timber is enough to build approximately 63 family homes. The BLM's forest management objectives include producing a sustained yield of timber, enhancing fish and wildlife habitat, restoring forest ecosystems, reducing wildfire hazard, maintaining road networks, and protecting water quality. Seneca Sawmill Company was the high bidder for three parcels: the "Cash and Quarry" timber sale, 9,324 MBF, sold for 100 percent of the appraised value of \$2,703,408.10; the "Goin to Seed" timber sale, 2,134 MBF, sold for 16 percent above the appraised value of \$322,120.40; and the "Ridge Dragon" timber sale, 2,335 MBF, sold for 100 percent of the appraised value of \$186,587.50. Rosboro Company LLC was the high bidder for the "McCauley" timber sale. The sale of 7,028 MBF sold for 20% above the appraised value of \$1,401,347.80. Murphy Company was the high bidder for the "Boot Up" timber sale. The sale of 18,117 thousand board feet (MBF) sold for more than \$1,000,000 above the appraised value of \$4,387,100.90. Freres Lumber Company was the high bidder for the "Head Over Teals" timber sale. The sale of 7,973 MBF sold for more than

\$1,000,000 above the appraised value of \$1,959,358.60. Cook's Timber Falling LLC was the high bidder for the "Ward Salvage" timber sale. The sale of 402 MBF sold for 100 percent of the appraised value of \$14,720.00. B&G Logging was the high bidder for the "Tucker South" timber sale. The sale of 1,509 MBF sold for approximately 100 percent of the appraised value of \$236,835.80. ; A plan to help in the battle against devastating wildfires creates fuel breaks 400 feet wide along nearly 1,000 miles of roads in southwestern Idaho and southeastern Oregon that will be tied into an existing fuel break system in northern Nevada. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management on Friday released a final environmental impact statement for the Tri-State Fuel Breaks Project, opening a 30-day comment period. The agency says fuel breaks will help firefighters stop wildfires and protect key habitat for sage grouse and other wildlife on land also used by cattle ranchers. Critics say fuel breaks create avenues for invasive, fire-prone plants that will increase fire potential. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEALTH, SCHOOLS, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENT, SPORTS, COMMUNITY: The coronavirus has cumulatively infected more than 1,239 people in Oregon and claimed 38 lives—with five of those deaths announced yesterday. There were 58 new cases of the coronavirus statewide. Oregon health officials say 440 patients who have tested positive or are suspected to have COVID-19 currently are hospitalized with 125 of them in intensive-care unit beds, 67 of them of ventilators. No new cases were announced yesterday in Lane County, which has recorded 32 positive tests throughout the outbreak and one death. County public health officials say eight patients are considered recovered. Six remain hospitalized. Seventeen are resting at home. Projections released earlier this week by state and local health officials indicate the Oregon's coronavirus outbreak will begin to peak April 21 in the Portland metropolitan area and on May 6 in Eugene-Springfield and other parts of Oregon. But they note that the "peak" will be more of a "plateau," with higher numbers of new infections perhaps continuing several weeks before beginning to slowly drop. ; Seems like everyone sensed it was coming and yesterday, it became official: Oregon's Kindergarten through 12th Grade schools will remain closed though the end of the academic year because of the coronavirus outbreak. Oregon becomes the 14th state to cancel in-person classes and move instruction completely online for the rest of spring term. Officials in other U.S. states—which have already closed schools through at least the end of this or next month—are contemplating similar moves. For Oregon's more than 582,000 students and their teachers, the next few weeks are uncharted territory. Districts must launch remote learning offerings by Monday. Many schools began distancing learning this week. But all are learning the challenges of ensuring students have roughly equivalent online access to classroom materials and the ability to interact and receive additional educational tutoring. In making yesterday's announcement, the Oregon Department of Education, released their Graduation Pathways 2020 guidance for districts and instructors that focuses on helping high school seniors compete their studies. Seniors who had passing grades and were on track to graduate when the state's stay-at-home order began in mid-March will be able to graduate, although their commencement ceremonies might be postponed or moved online. High school seniors will receive a "Pass" grade for any partially completed courses in which they were earning the equivalent of an A, B, C or D grade. They'll also receive credit for those courses and are encouraged to complete their distance learning studies. Those who were receiving failing grades will have the opportunity to earn a "Pass" in those courses, preferably by the end of the school year but with the opportunity to extend their studies through the end of August. Proms, graduation ceremonies and other year-end celebrations will be put on hold or held online. Districts are

being urged to work with students and parents to come up with an alternative way to celebrate that fits each community. Last year, Oregon saw signs of improvement in its fight to raise high school graduation rates, which have been some of the lowest in the nation. In 2019, 80 percent of students graduated — an all-time high since the state tightened how it tracks the rate more than a decade ago. The state had set a goal of 100 percent graduation by 2025 but officials are concerned about how the extended school closure will affect those rates. Oregon Department of Education Director Colt Gill says the state's 197 school districts are very different when it comes to the resources and challenges each one has in implementing distance learning. Some districts in rural eastern Oregon, he said, are sending school buses to deliver work packets to students and then again to pick them up because internet access is spotty in the area. Other districts must figure out how to provide tablets and internet access to families that don't have it. Oregon's school districts are using distance learning for spring term classes. Some already have remote instruction in place. Others are working to launch their online curriculum by Monday, April 13. ; The closing of Oregon's schools through the end of the academic year also means the cancellation of spring term organized sports and other activities, as well as state high school championships. Officials with the OSAA, the Oregon School Activities Association, made the announcement yesterday afternoon, saying it protects the health of students, officials and spectators, but calling it a "heart-wrenching decision." OSAA earlier created contingencies for an abbreviated Spring sports and activities season. But officials say now is the time to take different lessons from competitive sports and apply them to the state's "Stay Home" orders, by focusing on teamwork, sacrifice, and resilience in following community and public health guidelines. The OSAA Executive Board will meet in the next few weeks to discuss policies for summer activities. Members also will discuss academic eligibility criteria for fall term, based on how academic credits will be awarded for students completing their spring term courses at home. ; On the heels of this month's announcement that the Summer Olympic Games are being postponed until 2021, leaders of amateur sports are rushing to reschedule other events. One of them is the World Track and Field Championships, which were set for August of next year at Hayward Field in Eugene. Now, the event will take place in July of 2022. The new dates for the event in Eugene, Oregon: July 15-24, 2022. The World Track and Field Championships are one of the largest global sporting events this side of the Olympics, drawing close to 1,800 athletes from more than 200 countries, as well as their coaches, national delegations, global media contingents, family and fans. It will mark the first outdoor world championships held in the United States, with Eugene playing host in a newly renovated and enlarged Hayward Field. The stadium will get its first major test run at the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials, which will now be held in 2021 on a date still being determined. Track is one of 33 sports on the Summer Olympics schedule that are affected by the Tokyo postponement. ; You know those disinfecting wipes you're using so much of these days? Officials with MWWMC, the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission, are asking that you please, please, please not flush them down your toilet. Yes, some of the packaging says the products are flushable. But they really are not: They don't break down the way toilet paper does. And they clog pipes: preventing the treatment of the waste, forcing crews to spend time clearing the mess. It is not a fun procedure. Want more incentive? If the clog's in the line between your residence and the sewage mains at the street, it can cause a backup into your home. The wipes also should not be dumped in septic systems. Metro wastewater managers say other "no-no's" are diapers, paper towels, tissue paper, and pretty much anything that doesn't qualify as one of the "Three P's": Pee, Poop and (Toilet) Paper. ; No, this is not your chance to dust off an old fake ID. But officials with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission announced yesterday they will allow alcohol and marijuana licensees to accept customers' recently

expired Oregon driver licenses or identification cards. The policy only applies to Oregon drivers and ID cards that expired on or after March 8. The decision follows an earlier step taken by the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles and law enforcement, to protect drivers unable to get renewals while DMV offices are closed during the public health crisis. It's also worth noting that the temporary exception for liquor and cannabis stores only applies to driver licenses and identification cards issued by the State of Oregon. ; Riding a Lane Transit bus today? You'll need to be wearing a non-medical face mask to board. The new policy is designed to protect riders and drivers from the spread of the coronavirus. LTD drivers began wearing masks yesterday. The face masks must cover your nose and mouth. It comes after the CDC recommended that anyone leaving their homes use non-medical face coverings to limit their potential exposure to the virus and to prevent exposing others. ; FOOD for Lane County, our local food bank, has expanded the locations and operating hours for its mobile food pantry. See all of FOOD For Lane County's COVID-19 programs at by going to www.foodforlanecounty.org and clicking on the link for the agency's COVID-19 services. ; Have you ever kept a diary or a journal—or even an informal log of the day's events? When they are notified of new positive tests, Lane County Public Health investigators say they begin working to determine how a patient was infected by the virus and whether any of their close contacts might be at risk. It's a sometimes-challenging process, since those who have contracted the virus might not have started showing symptoms anywhere from two to 14 days after infection. Think about what you did, where you were, who you saw during the past two weeks: Did you go to work? To the grocery store? Visit a park and touch something others might have touched? What day did those things happen? What time? Most people are a bit fuzzy about where they were and when on a good day. The situation is even more challenging when a patient falls ill with COVID-19 and is in a weakened state or even unconscious. Then, health investigators must rely on other sources—family, friends, co-workers, retail clerks—to try to retrace a patient's steps. But they do have success. One of Monday's announced cases is a man in his 30s who lives in the Eugene-Springfield area. Health investigators in less than a day were able to determine how he was infected. They recently tied another case involving a local woman to one of the infections in Washington County. That sort of information helps county public health experts get a better sense of how the disease is moving through our community. ; Rural community hospitals in Oregon have seen huge drops in revenue with elective procedures banned due to the coronavirus outbreak and are having to lay off workers to survive. Added to that, there are fewer visits to emergency rooms because people are staying home under Brown's executive orders and less liable to have accidents, or are forgoing ER visits. The Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems says that consequently hospitals have experienced an unprecedented decline in revenues of 40 percent to 60 percent. Now, the association and several elected politicians are calling for bailout bucks to be released to these facilities. ; Last week was another devastating one for American workers and the U.S. economy. The Labor Department reports another 6.6 million people filed for jobless benefits, putting collective losses during the past three weeks at 16.6 million. Roughly one in 10 workers have lost their jobs in just the past three weeks. This is the largest and fastest period of job losses in records dating to 1948. It comes as more businesses shut down across the country because of the coronavirus outbreak. Analysts say the total number of Americans losing jobs this month might total 20 million. The surge of jobless claims has overwhelmed state unemployment offices around the country. With still more job cuts expected, officials warn the national unemployment rate could hit 15 percent by early May. The viral outbreak is believed to have erased nearly one-third of the U.S. economic output for the current quarter. Forty-eight states have closed non-essential businesses. Restaurants, hotels, department stores and small

businesses have laid off millions as they struggle to pay bills at a time when their revenue has vanished. As nation of normally free-spending shoppers and travelers hunkered down at home, analysts with Morgan Stanley say non-grocery retail business in the last week of March plunged 97 percent compared with one year earlier. The Transportation Security Administration reports the number of airline passengers screened at TSA checkpoints has plunged 95 percent from the same period 12 months ago. U.S. hotel revenue has tumbled 80 percent. The Penn Wharton Budget Model, created at the University of Pennsylvania's business school, projects that the U.S. economy will shrink at an astonishing 30 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter -- even including government's new \$2.2 trillion relief measure, the largest federal aid package in history by far. That would be the largest quarterly economic plunge since World War II. ; Analysts say the nation's jobless numbers will likely keep increasing, in part because many states are still clearing out backlogs of applications for unemployment aid. And with more companies running through their cash cushions as the virus-related shutdowns persist, they are resorting to layoffs to save money. Analysts with the Oregon Employment Department say the agency received 92,700 initial claims the week before last, up from a record more than 78,000 seven days earlier. New numbers are expected later today. The federal government's \$2.2 trillion economic relief package expands unemployment insurance to groups that previously weren't eligible, including the self-employed, gig workers, and independent contractors. But many states are struggling to process the new claims and get benefit checks distributed quickly. Economists say up to 50 million jobs are vulnerable to coronavirus-related layoffs — about one-third of all the jobs in the United States. That figure is based on a calculation of positions that are deemed non-essential by state and federal governments and that cannot be done from home. It's unlikely all those workers will be laid off or file a jobless claim. But it suggests the extraordinary magnitude of unemployment that could result from the pandemic. Beth Ann Bovino, chief economist at S&P Global Ratings, said she thinks layoffs will send the unemployment rate to 15 percent next month, with at least 13 million jobs lost. During the Great Recession, which ended in 2009, unemployment never went above 10 percent. Last week's report of 6.6 million jobless claims might also be revised higher, as state agencies work to provide updated numbers to the U.S. Department of Labor. ; One key aspect of the recently passed federal rescue package is a \$350 billion small business loan program intended to keep workers on the job. Companies may borrow enough to cover payroll and other costs for eight weeks and the loans will be forgiven if small businesses keep or rehire their staffs. The Treasury Department began rolling out the loans through the Paycheck Protection Program last Friday. But many small business owners say they've struggled to find a lender who's fully implemented the program or are waiting for their application to be approved and funded. Some banks have held off on accepting applications, worried about being stuck with bad loans despite a government guarantee. And there were some bureaucratic glitches, although officials with the Small Business Administration say they've fixed those. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin told lawmakers yesterday that \$98 billion in loans for small businesses has been approved under the \$350 billion Paycheck Protection Program. But he admits the new program is swamped. ; The massive federal rescue package also added \$600 a week in unemployment benefits, on top of what recipients receive from their states, to enable many lower-income workers to manage their expenses and increase their purchasing power to support the economy. The legislation also makes many more people eligible for jobless aid, including the self-employed, contractors, and so-called "gig economy" workers such as Lyft and Uber drivers. But many of them are expressing frustration and bewilderment about the process as a flood of applications overwhelms many state offices. And most states have not been able to distribute the extra \$600 a week in unemployment aid that the federal package

provides. ; The Federal Reserve is taking additional steps to provide up to \$2.3 trillion in loans to support the economy. The money will target American households and businesses, as well as local governments besieged by the coronavirus outbreak. The announcement came a short time after the Labor Department reported applications for unemployment benefits reached a staggering 6.6 million last week. More than one in 10 U.S. workers have lost their jobs in just the past three weeks to the coronavirus outbreak. The Fed is activating the new Main Street Business Lending Program, which was authorized recently in the largest economic relief package ever passed by Congress. The effort includes a loan program for municipal governments, as well as additional support for the Paycheck Protection Program, which was rolled out last week by the Small Business Administration. The government's pay protection plan for small businesses got off to a rocky start as businesses had difficulty getting banks to provide the loans. The banks have said that the government has not made clear how they should process such loans, even what forms businesses are required to use. / CRIME: Eugene Police officers responded to report of shots fired in the 400 block of E. 15th Avenue yesterday afternoon. The call came in around 2:30 p.m. and arriving officers found an individual who had been shot. Officers provided emergency medical aid until Eugene Springfield Fire EMS medics arrived to take over care and transport the victim to a local hospital. One person was detained in the 300 block of E. 12th Avenue and questioned. Late yesterday afternoon, investigators said they were working to determine whether the person had any involvement in the case. Police added they are actively looking for a suspect. More information in the case might be released today. ; Authorities say human remains discovered near Sweet Home are that of a woman with brown hair. Linn County Sheriff's investigators say detectives and experts with the Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office have been working to identify the remains since they were spotted on Friday on a US Forest Service road east of Sweet Home. The agencies have tentatively concluded the remains belong to a white female between the ages of 30 and 50. She is believed to have had short, wavy brown hair. Her cause of death is being determined. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY, FAMILY, SCHOOLS, LOW-INCOME, HOMELESSNESS, SPORTS, ENVIRONMENT: Now is NOT the time to go on road trips. Now is NOT the time to head to parks or the beach. PLEASE, stay home and treat your home and yard as your own personal park. That's the appeal from health, law enforcement and recreation officials across the state who say that during the past couple of days of sunshine they've seen growing numbers of Oregonians heading outdoors to popular areas and not practicing social distancing. That's leading to strong concerns that we'll see a fresh surge in COVID-19 cases in the next two weeks. ; Many parks and recreation areas and popular trails are closed. Those that are open have signs posted pleading with visitors to do a better job of physical distancing. But increasingly, those signs are being ignored. Lane County Parks officials yesterday issued a fresh appeal to visitors to do a better job of physical distancing, reminding them there is far more at stake than their day in the sun. They remind you: Getting outside to exercise and experience the outdoors is important to your physical and mental health. But it is NOT okay to meet friends or gather in groups to hike together right now. Stay with members of your own household and keep your distance from everyone else. Vary your times: Consider visiting or walking or hiking at non-peak times to reduce your likelihood of encountering crowds. Keeping your dogs on leashes at all times: Yes, some parks, including the Howard Buford Recreation Area at Mt. Pisgah, have off-leash trails or areas for dogs. But people pet the dogs, which could spread the virus when those dogs encounter other dogs who then return to their people. Please keep your pet leashed right now to better maintain physical distance. And park your vehicle safely: Don't park alongside roads to access County parks – it creates a safety hazard for you, other drivers and road users. And park so there's enough space between you and those people getting into and out of other vehicles. ; State emergency planners are echoing those concerns. State parks, many federal trailheads, and all private and public recreational campgrounds are closed, not only to prevent people from congregating but to protect the staff that work at many of these areas. Officials say all non-essential travel (such as for boating, hunting, or fishing) should be short and minimal, if at all. Oregonians who do not live at the beach should not travel there; most public access points are closed. Minimizing travel will lessen the chance of spreading COVID-19, especially to rural communities that do not have the hospital capacity to treat an influx of patients from other parts of the state. Visiting a closed area poses a danger to the visitor, the limited park staff, and the area itself. Parking and restrooms are closed and trash collection has been suspended. Parking illegally may result in a citation or your vehicle being towed. For now, the best way to get outside while keeping yourself and others safe is to stick close to home: Backyard

picnics on the lawn or patio with those in your immediate household. Walks or jogs in your neighborhood while maintaining physical distance. Gardening, washing your car, or just soaking up the sunshine in your yard. "Stay Home, Save Lives." If people continue to disregard basic safety advice and fail to engage in physical distancing, we're going to see more closures and restrictions. ; People making road trips are also putting themselves at risk and draining limited law enforcement and other public safety resources. Case in point: Officials with the Willamette National Forest say they've closed big portions of Breitenbush (say: BRIGHTEN'-bush) Road—also known as Forest Service Road 46 and McCoy Creek Road on the Detroit Ranger District. Why? Because in the past two days, U.S. Forest Service, Marion County and Clackamas County law enforcement officers had more than 100 encounters diverting people from the roads in this remote area. Additionally, search and rescue crews have been forced to deploy to assist people whose vehicles became stuck on snow-covered portions of the roads. Signs are posted warning the public that the roads are impassable by vehicles. But people are ignoring that advice and instead using their GPS systems lead them into danger. ; Lane County Public Health officials yesterday announced two more positive tests for COVID-19, bringing the total number of cases to 34. The new cases include a 71-year-old man who lives in a private residence in the Eugene-Springfield area but is currently hospitalized. The other new case is a 66-year-old man who resides in a private residence in the Eugene-Springfield area and is recovering at home. And while it's been a concern in other parts of Oregon and across the U.S., Lane County Public Health officials say none of our patients come from nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Among the 34 cumulative cases, eight patients have recovered. Five remain hospitalized. Twenty are recovering at home. One person, a 60-year-old woman, died almost four weeks ago. ; COVID-19 has claimed six more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 44. The Oregon Health Authority also reported 83 new cases of COVID-19 yesterday morning. That brings the state's total number of positive tests to 1,321. The patients whose deaths were announced yesterday all had underlying medical conditions. They included a 74-year-old Benton county man; two Linn County men—one was 74, the other 97; and three residents of Multnomah County: a 41-year-old woman, a 66-year-old man, and an 87-year-old woman. Statewide, 400 patients are hospitalized. Those include people who tested positive for COVID-19 and those with suspected cases: 105 of those patients are being treated in hospital intensive-care units. 64 people are on ventilators. State officials say social distancing has helped slow the surge in cases, meaning our hospitals still have capacity to hand new COVID-19 cases. But they say its important to "Stay home" even during this week's sunny weather to prevent the spread of the virus and avoid an outbreak of new cases in the coming weeks. According to the latest projections, the Portland metropolitan area will see infections peak on April 21 and hold at those high levels for several weeks before beginning to ease. Here in Lane County, the peak is anticipated on May 6, with the "plateau" of high case numbers continuing for several weeks before starting to tail off. ; How severe are the layoffs hammering Oregon's economy? So bad that close to one in every eight workers are out of jobs. Another 100,000 people filed for initial unemployment benefits last week, bringing statewide totals for the past three weeks to almost 270,000. Officials say 5,300 of last week's claims came from Lane County workers, meaning more than 11,400 local residents are unemployed since outbreak forced the state to implement its "Stay Home, Save Lives" policies. The Leisure and Hospitality sector, made up of hotels, motels, restaurants, bars and retail shops, were hit especially hard. But the layoffs are spreading to all parts of the state economy. The volume of layoffs has overwhelmed Oregon's jobless claims system, with phone lines swamped and workers receiving error messages when they try to check the status of their filings online. And many laid off workers haven't been able to file and are not yet

counted in the data. Still, the employment department said it paid out \$28 million in benefits last week and expects that total to rise sharply in the weeks ahead. The agency paid \$28 million in benefits to Oregonians during the week starting March 29. That dollar figure is expected to increase rapidly as additional federal benefits of \$600 per week begin for those already eligible for unemployment benefits. Officials say those added federal jobless payments of \$600 will begin funneling through Oregon's system by the end of this week. The Oregon Employment Department and its counterparts in other states continue receiving guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor to update and rewrite the computer programs that are needed to implement the new system that allows self-employed, contract workers, and gig workers not previously eligible to receive unemployment benefits to do so. Officials say while Congress and the White house moved quickly to approve those expanded benefits, it's taken time to create the guidelines for the new program, update federal systems, then pass those details onto the state so everyone from computer programmers to claims analysts may implement them. ; In three weeks' time, the Oregon Employment Department has received 269,900 initial claims for unemployment benefits. By comparison, net job losses in Oregon totaled 147,800 for the duration of the Great Recession. During the week starting March 29 alone, the Oregon Employment Department received 100,700 initial claims, continuing the record levels of initial claims received the previous two weeks. Officials say 5,300 of last week's claims came from Lane County workers. Claims specialists processed 6,125 applications for benefits during the previous two weeks, which puts the combined total for Lane County joblessness up to at least 11,425. Drilling into data from the 54,500 initial claims that were *processed* during the week starting March 29: The leisure and hospitality sector, which includes hotels and restaurants, continued to see the greatest number of initial claims for unemployment benefits (14,400) as "Stay Home" and social distancing orders affecting businesses took effect. Since March 15 in that sector alone, there have been a combined 40,600 initial jobless claims filed in the leisure and hospitality sector. Many other initial claims also came from workers in health care and social assistance (8,800) and retail trade (7,100). The agency paid \$28 million in benefits to Oregonians during the week starting March 29. That dollar figure is expected to increase rapidly as additional federal benefits of \$600 per week begin for those already eligible for unemployment benefits. Officials say those added federal jobless payments of \$600 will begin funneling through Oregon's system by the end of this week. The Oregon Employment Department and its counterparts in other states continue receiving guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor to update and rewrite the computer programs that are needed to implement the new system that allows self-employed, contract workers, and gig workers not previously eligible to receive unemployment benefits to do so. Officials say while Congress and the White house moved quickly to approve those expanded benefits, it's taken time to create the guidelines for the new program, update federal systems, then pass those details onto the state so everyone from computer programmers to claims analysts may implement them. ; The Oregon Employment Department agency continues to rapidly add staff to handle jobless claims. In the past month, the agency has quadrupled it staff, hiring and training many as claims specialists. Those workers are processing unemployment benefits claims at a record pace, but no matter how quickly they "staff up," the number of jobless filing increases at a far faster pace. Officials say we're now to the point where the Employment Department has processed more claims during the first quarter of 2020 than during all of 2019. While it remains critically important that all who can file claims online do so, the agency has also extended contact center hours to 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays for filing claims by phone. But even with rapid expansion of staff to take claims, wait times are averaging 106 minutes on claims phone lines. During high volume times, which occur most of the time, many callers say they've waited hours longer and

still been unable to get through. The agency's newly re-designed COVID-19 page includes expanded resource guides for employers and workers filing claims, and a new dashboard of measures showing our response to the unprecedented need for unemployment benefits. ; Here's a look at Oregon's jobless claims and Employment Department staffing during the past four weeks: Week of March 8: 4,900 initial claims filed / 106 staff handling claims. Week of March 15: 76,500 initial claims filed / shifted all staff to handling claims. Week of March 22: 92,700 initial claims filed / 224 staff available by March 27. Week of March 29: 100,700 initial claims filed / 349 staff available by April 3, 450 staff available to process claims today. ; They know you only have a limited window to burn. But they're asking you to do it only when essential and to think about the health of those around you. Officials with the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency have "softened" last week's ban on outdoor burning. L-RAPA officials say they know many of you need to conduct outdoor burns to manage and maintain your lands. But they remind you that COVID-19 is a respiratory illness and inhaling smoke harms your respiratory system. They're asking you to think before you burn because too much smoke in the air can harm COVID-19 patients recovering at home, slowing their recoveries and possibly worsening their conditions. Smoke also aggravates many people's asthma and allergies, making them more vulnerable to COVID-19 infections and other health issues. Also, if your burn gets out of control, you're putting a strain on first responders and other emergency service providers who are already operating at reduced capacity and with limited resources. L-RAPA continues to encourage alternatives to burning. Paper products can be recycled instead of burned, vegetation can be placed in a compost pile, yard debris can be taken to a recycling location, and old lumber can be salvaged and reused. ; The state Department of Human Services is boosting Oregon Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or "SNAP" benefits for the months of April and May 2020 to eligible SNAP households. It comes as the pandemic forces many Oregonians to face unprecedented economic instability and food insecurity. The \$60 emergency infusion during the next two months will increase maximum SNAP household benefits to \$194 for a single-person household and \$768 for a family of five with another \$146 for each additional person. Households that already receive the maximum benefit will not receive any additional benefits. But if your household qualifies and you are currently receiving SNAP, you don't need to do anything to receive the added benefits. They will be added automatically in the same way you receive your current benefits. For most, this is through your EBT card. Again, this is a temporary, two-month supplement to help tide households over and provide nutritious food during this challenging time. It is not a permanent change. ; The pandemic might have forced the closure of many businesses, but the construction sector continues to work, provided employers set up jobsite to allow for adequate social distancing. One large local project is getting underway later this month: the contractor for Eugene's Downtown Riverfront Park expects its crews on-site at the end of April. The intent is to stay on schedule and wrap up work in the spring of 2021. Downtown Riverfront Park design concept calls for a four-acre park along the banks of the Willamette that includes new bicycle and pedestrian paths, public seating, and overlooks the planned mix of residential, office and commercial buildings that will occupy the former EWEB site. Eugene-based Brown Contracting is leading the project and city officials say Brown's managers have implemented the state's new COVID-19 jobsite requirements. Signs at the project entry gates advise any visitors they, too, must meet a specific set of safety criteria related to social distancing. Funding for the Downtown Riverfront Park development comes from the 2018 Parks and Recreation Bond and Levy, as well as Urban Renewal Agency and capital project funds. ; The Springfield Public Schools are joining many districts around the country to honor their graduating seniors who are missing the opportunity to participate in important spring term

activities. It's called "Be the Light." Tonight, and every Friday night between now and their original planned commencement dates, the district is turning on the lights at 8:20 p.m. at Springfield High School's Silke Field and Thurston High School's Thurston Stadium. The effort is modeled on a "Be the Light" campaign that started in Colorado. Organizers say they know they can't support and congratulate high school graduates in person but hope the "Friday Night Lights" let students know they're honored and appreciated. ; The public health crisis is creating special challenges for people in recovery for alcohol and drug addictions who might not have as easy access to recovery groups and counseling. Many organizations are working to expand their assistance, including the local chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous. If you or a loved one want to quit drinking or have questions about alcoholism, AA's doors and phonelines remain open and its counselors are here to help. The office and bookstore of the Emerald Valley Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous are open Mondays through Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The group's office is located at 741 Main Street, Suite A, in Springfield. The local chapter's 24-hour phone line is: 541-342-4113. ; Amid the economic turmoil, Oregon State University says it will postpone its commencement ceremonies at its Corvallis and Bend campuses. "This was not an easy decision to make," OSU President Ed Ray said. "OSU commencement is a tradition that was begun 150 years ago with three students and now celebrates the distinguished achievements of more than 7,000 graduates annually, and is attended by more than 25,000 guests and university faculty and staff. Yet, postponing commencement to a healthier time is the right choice and is strongly supported by our students. And this decision acknowledges that OSU has never cancelled commencement in its history." Students in Corvallis and Bend were recently surveyed and overwhelmingly supported postponing commencement ceremonies. In Corvallis, more than 2,500 students on track to graduate responded to the survey. Of this total, 66 percent supported rescheduling commencement to a later date; 24 percent supported holding a virtual ceremony; and 10 percent supported cancelling commencement. At OSU-Cascades, 713 students responded. Of those, 76 percent favored rescheduling commencement to a later date. ; Oregon will ban all non-resident hunting, fishing and shellfishing activity, starting at midnight tonight, in an effort to stop a surge of non-resident anglers who are coming here to enjoy the outdoors. Most of the visitors are from Washington state. But others are driving in from the neighboring states of California, Nevada and Idaho. Oregon had large numbers of out-of-state visitors during that first sunny weekend of Spring Break, fueling concerns that they might bring the virus from areas experiencing outbreaks. Officials with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife say the restrictions on hunting, fishing and shellfishing will remain in place until the state eases its "Stay Home, Save Lives" policies. Wildlife officials say residents along the northern Oregon Coast and the Columbia River were among those lobbying for the non-resident restrictions. ; Oregon safety regulators have fielded more than 2,000 complaints in the past few weeks over working conditions in offices, factories, construction sites, grocery stores and restaurants. The Oregonian and OregonLive report state officials have heard from workers who say they're terrified about going to work during the pandemic. They complain their employers are not doing enough to ensure people have enough distance from one another or are doing jobs that are inherently unsafe. The state's Occupational Safety & Health division (Oregon OSHA) began surprise inspections last month but has yet to issue citations. It has enlisted 75 compliance officers to work on the issue and have a dozen other managers and staff screening complaints. Oregon OSHA has completed fewer than 10 inspections thus far but expects that number to increase markedly beginning next week. When Gov. Kate Brown ordered Oregonians to "stay home," last month, she made an exception for construction and manufacturing – two industries vital to the state's economy – and said other sectors could continue operating, too, so

long as they ensured workers were keeping distance from one another and taking other safety measures. Individuals violating the governor's order could be jailed for up to 30 days and fined \$1,250, but businesses could be sanctioned under existing Oregon workplace safety rules. OSHA could penalize employers \$12,750 for a "non-willful" violation and up to \$126,750 for a "willful" violation. ; The Capital Press is reporting that Oregon OSHA is considering a petition that would require farms to increase field sanitation and housing protections for agricultural workers in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Oregon Law Center, a nonprofit organization that provides free legal help to low-income communities, and Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center, which advocates for migrant and seasonal farmworkers, filed the petition March 20. Farm groups, however, argue they are already taking worker health seriously, and some improvements recommended in the petition would be unrealistically expensive and impractical. Proposed actions include adding more portable toilets and handwashing stations in fields where workers are picking crops. The current standard is for farms to provide one station for every 20 employees. Petitioners want to see one station for every five employees. The petition also calls for farms to assign no more than two unrelated people per cabin in labor housing, while assuring that each camp has at least one washing machine and dryer per 12 individuals. About two-thirds of Oregon's agricultural labor camps are in Hood River and Wasco counties in the Columbia River Gorge, where farmers produce most of the state's labor-intensive pears and cherries. But some are in the Willamette Valley, including some that serve large nurseries. A coalition of industry groups led by the Oregon Farm Bureau is drafting joint comments expressing their opposition to certain parts of the petition. The Farm Bureau recently updated and distributed its employer guidance for COVID-19, with information about how to keep workers safe. The Capital Press reports officials with Oregon OSHA have not yet decided whether it will pursue any changes to its administrative rules. The agency is taking public comments on the petition through April 13. ; The Oregon Department of Revenue reminds businesses and individuals who pay their corporate or personal income tax quarterly that estimated payments for first quarter 2020 are due April 15. Additionally, first quarter estimated payments for Oregon's new Corporate Activity Tax (CAT) are due April 30. Extensions of tax filing and payment deadlines for 2019 personal income taxes and 2019 corporate income and excise taxes announced March 25 do not include estimated quarterly tax payments on corporate and personal income tax otherwise payable or estimated payments for the CAT. Personal income tax filers who expect to owe \$1,000 or more when they file their 2020 return next year are required to make first quarter payments by April 15. Generally, personal income tax filers who are required to make quarterly payments include those who are self-employed or others who don't have taxes withheld by their employer. Corporate income tax filers who file on a calendar year basis and expect to owe tax of \$500 or more when they file their 2020 return next year must make first quarter 2020 estimated payments by April 15. Because of the governor's recent executive orders related to the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, pandemic, taxpayers who are not able to estimate 2020 tax by preparing a 2019 Oregon return by April 15, 2020, may use the safe harbor (100 percent of the prior year's tax—Oregon Administrative Rule 150-316-0493). The department also has an interest waiver rule (Oregon Administrative Rule 150-316-0487), that may be applicable for the 2020 tax year. Waivers are considered on a case-by-case basis. Corporate excise or income taxpayers should look to the exceptions to underpayment of estimated tax located at OAR 150-314-0315(3). Specifically, an annualization exception to underpayment of estimated tax is available. See OAR 150-314-0315(3)(c). Taxpayers who expect to have a CAT liability of \$5,000 or more are required to make estimated first quarter payments by April 30. The CAT applies to all business entities and is measured on annual Oregon commercial activity—the total amount a business realizes from

transactions and activity in Oregon. The department understands that the pandemic may impact commercial activity, up or down, to an extent that makes it difficult for businesses to estimate their first payment. The department will not assess underpayment penalties to taxpayers making a good faith effort to estimate their first quarter payments. ; The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County needs clothing donations to help serve members of the our local unhoused/homeless community. It comes as the agency is assisting Lane County and the cities of Eugene and Springfield with operating those new temporary "respite sites" to reduce the risk of infection among homeless campers. St. Vincent de Paul staff and volunteers already have gone through the existing inventory at their thrift stores and now are seeking fresh items, particularly unused/new underwear and socks for adult men and women. The agency is accepting receiving donations from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., seven days a week, at its location at 201 Division Avenue, off river Road and the Beltline Highway. Large items (such as furniture) are not being accepted at this time in order to facilitate a safe drop-off experience. Organizers request that donated items be bagged and/or boxed for safer handling. ; The Eugene Emeralds have partnered with Megan Dompe (say: DAWM'-pay), co-owner of Pillow Talk and the wife of Emeralds Assistant General Manager Matt Dompe, to create non-medical masks for essential workers and vulnerable community members. For the past three weeks, Megan's been putting together kits for local volunteers to sew fast and easy non-surgical masks that are then delivered to those who need them. Are you interested in taking part? The kits come in packs of ten, and can be sewn by volunteers by hand or on sewing machines. Health experts say cotton masks will block 50-80 percent of COVID-19. That's nowhere near what an N95 mask can do, but with the mask shortage it is far better than nothing at all. Thanks to an amazing network of volunteers, the Lane County Mask Project has already delivered almost 1,250 completed masks to Riverbend and McKenzie Willamette Hospitals, the Eugene Mission, a variety of nursing homes, those serving meals with the Eugene School District 4J, and individuals with compromised immune systems. The Eugene Emeralds are helping Megan by providing safe pick-up of supplies and drop-off of finished masks for sewing volunteers. In just two weeks, the Ems have helped distribute sewing kits to volunteers throughout the Eugene/Springfield area. ; The Eugene Public Library is expanding free online access in order to support Eugene area students and community members while its public buildings are closed due to COVID-19. Normally, many online services require a library card. But during this time the Library will register new cardholders by phone. People who live in the Eugene area but outside City of Eugene limits will be issued temporary cards at no charge. Expired and blocked library cards may also be used at this time. To register for a new card or renew an expired card, call Eugene Public Library between 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., seven days a week, at 541-682-5450. Blocked cards and cards that would have expired in March through May have been cleared for use and automatically extended through June 30. Library Director Will O'Hearn says the changes should be especially helpful for students and families in the Eugene and Bethel School Districts. The Eugene Public Library provides many online resources for K-12 students, including free access to Britannica Library and a live tutoring service. The Library also offers hundreds of thousands of online items for all ages, including eBooks, audiobooks, streaming movies and shows, music, and magazines. In recent weeks, Library staff have increased the number of online titles and copies of popular titles to further expand choices and availability. A Eugene Public Library card also provides free access to subscription sites such as Lynda.com for technology and career skills, Ancestry.com for genealogy research, Mango Languages for language learning, Consumer Reports, and more. ; The weeks leading up to Easter are always the busiest for chicken hatcheries, but this spring, chicks are nearly impossible to find as sales spike

during the COVID-19 lockdown. The Capital Press reports sales went up — a lot, across Oregon and the U.S. Operators of one major hatchery based in Iowa said chick sales are up close to 400 percent from 2019. While most orders are for broilers, or meat birds, the best egg-laying breeds are running a close second. And people are already placing summer orders. Across the West, hatcheries and farm supply stores are seeing similar trends and rushing to keep up with orders. Industry leaders say people fearing food shortages are raising chickens to produce their own meat and eggs in the months to come. They're also buying chicks to have a backyard activity while they're quarantined at home. Americans have a habit of raising chickens during times of crisis and confusion. Industry records show chick sales spike during presidential election years and stock market downturns. The last leap in chick sales near this scale happened when the avian influenza killed more than 60 million U.S. chickens between 2014 and 2015, raising the price of eggs. By the way, if you're raising or thinking of raising chicks and chickens, the Oregon State University extension service has all sorts of online publications and information. ; The Cascades Raptor Center has closed its Nature Center to visitors during this time of social distancing. But the wildlife hospital at Cascades Raptor Center remains open to treat and care for sick, injured or orphaned birds of prey. If you find injured or orphaned wildlife: For birds of prey: Call the Cascades Raptor Center at 541-485-1320, x 1. Staff and volunteers respond around the clock. Stay with the bird until you reach the center and wait for further instructions. Staff and volunteers might need your help to try to locate a nest or to make sure the bird doesn't hide. For other uninjured nestling baby birds, look for the nest and return the bird, if possible. For uninjured fledglings (able to walk and hop, if not fly yet), put them somewhere safe up off the ground (though they will not necessarily stay there!) Leaving the nest before being able to fly is a normal stage of development for baby birds. The parents will be feeding it wherever it goes to explore. For uninjured baby mammals such as a squirrel or rabbit, please put it somewhere safe where the mother can find it and carry it to the nest, and then watch from a good distance to make sure they have reunited. ; Initial unemployment claims in Oregon have spiked to more than a quarter-million in the past three weeks due to the coronavirus. The Oregon Employment Department says they have received 269,000 initial claims for jobless benefits. For comparison, net job losses in Oregon totaled 147,800 for the duration of the Great Recession. The agency paid \$28 million in benefits to Oregonians the week of March 29. The leisure and hospitality sector, which includes hotels and restaurants, continued to see the greatest number of initial claims for unemployment benefits. ; Rural community hospitals in Oregon are seeing revenue plunge and are being forced to lay off and fire employees. It comes after a ban on elective surgeries to ensure medical staff treating COVID-19 patients have enough personal protective gear. Managers of some small rural hospitals say they've seen revenues decline as much as 60 percent during the past month. The latest projections on the spread of the virus in Oregon indicate hospitals in the state have enough capacity to handle an expected surge in cases later this month. But officials with the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems say it's too early to relax restrictions. But health officials and politicians on both side of the political aisle are sounding warnings that, without financial assistance, COVID-19 restrictions could contribute to the closure of hundreds of rural hospitals across the U.S. ; They are two disasters that require opposite responses: to save lives and reduce the spread of COVID-19, people are told to stay isolated. But in a wildfire, thousands of firefighters must work in close quarters for weeks at a time. That's requiring the U.S. Forest Service and others to change strategies. In light of the "unprecedented challenge" of the pandemic, Forest Service Chief Victoria Christiansen says resources will be used only when there is a reasonable expectation of success in protecting life and critical property and infrastructure. Wildfires have already broken out in Texas and Florida, and

agencies are scrambling to finish plans for a new approach. They are considering waivers for some training requirements to previously certified crew members — and moving some training online. Other proposals include limiting fire engines to a driver and one passenger, requiring other crew members to ride in additional vehicles. They may scrap campsite catering tents in favor of military-issue Meals Ready to Eat to reduce touching serving utensils. Meanwhile federal resources for firefighting efforts may be scarcer, leaving states to deal with more fires. /

ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE: All those rainstorms that swept across the Willamette Valley the last two weeks of March helped add to our snowpack and fill reservoirs. But it's still shaping up to be a drier-than-normal water year across Oregon, according to the latest water supply outlook from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. In terms of snowpack, the Willamette Basin is looking better than most. Readings taken on April 1 found our snowpack was running 103 percent of normal. That was a nice rebound from March 1, when it was 88 percent of normal and the next couple of weeks were unseasonably dry. But last month's rain- and snowfall was just 73 percent of average. And for the water year that began on October 1, we're only at 76 percent of average. And the rain hit the Cascade foothill a lot harder than it did the east side of the Coast range, which is why reservoir store at Fern ridge is running 57 percent of average, compared to Foster Reservoir near Sweet Home, which stands at 158 percent of average. Things are looking drier across the rest of the state—with the exception of the northeast corner. The lower-than-normal conditions include the Umpqua and Rogue Basins. Things could change with another string of storms. But water and wildfire managers, farmers, ranchers and others are keeping a close eye on the trends. /

CRIME: A Eugene teen who fatally beat a man in 2018 is the first to be sentenced under a new law designed to keep teens accused of serious crimes in Juvenile Court instead of in the adult system. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports Jonathan Kirkpatrick, now 18, admitted in a hearing this week that he killed Ovid Neal, a 56-year-old homeless man. Kirkpatrick's crimes -- murder, first-degree robbery and second-degree assault -- are offenses that for adults carry long mandatory minimum sentences. Lane County Circuit Judge Jay McAlpin ordered Kirkpatrick into the custody of the Oregon Youth Authority. The most he could serve is close to seven years because the state cannot supervise juvenile offenders past their 25th birthdays. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19; HEALTH, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, COMMUNITY, FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME, PETS: Over the weekend, COVID-19 claimed four more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 52. All had underlying health conditions. The Oregon Health Authority also reported 76 new cases of COVID-19 on Saturday and another 80 on Sunday. Those 156 new cases put the state's total number of positive tests at 1,527 since the outbreak began. More than 29,700 have been tested. Statewide, 295 patients currently are hospitalized. Those include people who tested positive for COVID-19 and those with suspected cases. Eighty-one of those patients are being treated in hospital intensive-care units. Fifty-two are on ventilators. ; Lane County Public Health officials say the total number of positive cases in our area stands at 38 after three new cases were announced over the weekend. Twelve of those patients have recovered. Six remain hospitalized. Nineteen are resting at home. One person, a 60-year-old Eugene-Springfield woman, died more than four weeks ago. One of Sunday's cases is a woman in her 20s who lives in a private residence outside the Eugene-Springfield area and is recovering at home, where she is considered medically stable. But the other two cases are the first affecting Lane County nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Health officials say the first case is an employee of River Grove Memory Care in Eugene's Santa Clara area. They say the second positive test came in an individual who had access to the Good Samaritan Society – Eugene Village facility in South Eugene. No further identifying information is being released in either of those cases to protect patient privacy. But Lane County Public Health officials say managers of both River Grove and Good Samaritan-Eugene Village have been notified and sharing updates with residents, residents' families and staff. Health investigators are working to determine who among the patients and workers had contact with the individuals, as well as whether there are any community members who might have been in close contact. If any "close contacts" are identified, they will be contacted by Lane County Public Health so they can work with their own health care providers on what steps to take. As communicable disease investigators continue their work, they also will make an announcement if a "public contact exposure point" is identified and ask anyone who was at that location on a specific date and within a specific range of time to contact Lane County Public Health. ; Some quick background on both facilities: According to its website, River Grove offers "memory care" for residents living with forms of dementia and "respite care"—where patients might have a short-term stay while family members or caregivers are on vacation, have other appointments and commitments, or need a break. The facility's patient rooms are divided between two buildings, each of which has two separate wings, each wing with its own enclosed courtyard and outdoor walking area. According to its website, the Good Samaritan Society-Eugene

Village offers services ranging from its Eugene Arms Senior Apartments, to short-term rehabilitation and outpatient therapy, and nursing home care and hospice. The Good Samaritan Society also provides in-home health care and manages the Eugene Abbey Senior Apartments. In announcements on their respective websites during the past month, both facilities noted they have taken steps to restrict residents from traveling between rooms and building wings; placed restrictions on visitors; put a hold on outings and other scheduled activities; and instructed staff members to wear masks while on the job and to stay home if they were showing any signs or symptoms of any illness. Both facilities noted they continuously monitor and screen members of their staffs for any symptoms of COVID-19. Like other senior care facilities across the state, both organizations say their housekeepers and other staff have stepped up cleaning and sanitation efforts, disinfecting what are known as "high-touch" surfaces such as handrails and doorknobs multiple times a day, and installing additional hand sanitizer stations throughout their respective buildings. Caregiving staff are sanitizing shared equipment, resident wheelchairs, treatment carts, charting devices, and other items. In the dietary and meals departments, senior facilities are taking additional steps to ensure any item that enters and leaves the kitchen is thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. ; On Friday, officials with the Oregon Department of Human Services and Oregon Health Authority said they have launched a support team to better assess the needs of long-term care facilities experiencing increased COVID-19 cases. The goal is to ensure the facilities managers and staff have quick access to resources to help prevent and slow the spread of the coronavirus among residents and staff. It came after an initial report on Friday found that there have been positive tests among residents and or staff at 32 long-term care facilities and that nine of those facilities have five confirmed cases or more. By increasing their coordination, the two state agencies hope to have a faster sense of where outbreaks might be developing and where to allocate added resources. As part of the effort, the state also is beginning to contract with other facilities to develop additional capacity to safely treat COVID-19 patients. ; The coronavirus has had a devastating impact on nine long-term care facilities in Oregon, killing at least 24 people among 171 who were confirmed to have been infected. The fatalities represent almost half the total number of people in Oregon known to have died of COVID-19. According to data released on Friday by state officials, of the 35 people who became infected in one facility in Portland, nine have died. In response, the state's Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority have launched a support team that will collaborate with local public health authorities to assess needs and to support facilities with rising numbers of coronavirus cases. ; State officials say social distancing has helped slow the surge in cases, meaning our hospitals still have capacity to handle new COVID-19 cases. But they say it's important to "Stay Home" even during this week's forecasted sunny weather to prevent the spread of the virus and avoid an outbreak of new cases. According to the latest projections, the Portland metropolitan area will see infections peak on April 21 and hold at those high levels for several weeks before beginning to ease. Here in Lane County, the peak is anticipated on May 6, with the "plateau" of high case numbers continuing for several weeks before starting to tail off. ; Health care operations across in Oregon are furloughing employees and cutting costs because of a lack of revenue during to the coronavirus outbreak, as elective procedures and non-essential appointments are being canceled. The health care clinics and medical practices began canceling and rescheduling such non-essential business on March 17 as a new state order went into effect to free up Personal Protective Equipment for Oregon's hospitals and reduce the risk of the virus spreading in clinical settings. The state order calls for all elective and non-urgent medical procedures to be either cancelled or rescheduled after June 15. If the number of COVID-18 cases is still high, state officials might extend that order into the

summer. ; New projections released Saturday afternoon from health researchers estimate that Oregon's "aggressive" social distancing measures have prevented as many as 18,000 cases of COVID-19 and 500 hospitalizations. However, the analysis from the Institute for Disease Modeling in Bellevue, Washington, concludes the restrictions must be maintained through the month of May to prevent new cases from climbing above current daily levels of active coronavirus cases. Otherwise, researchers warn that a surge of infected patients could overwhelm hospital beds and medical care providers by the end of April. The Institute's model concludes that there are far higher numbers of infected people in Oregon at this time—up to 7,000—but that many have only mild to moderate symptoms or are asymptomatic and do not realize they are at risk of transmitting the virus to others. According to the latest projections, if Oregon continues its "Stay Home" social distancing orders, the state could see cases top out at fewer than 20,000 by mid-May. But if state officials loosened the restrictions and allowed all business to reopen and called for only moderate social distancing (even while keeping schools closed), the number of new infections would quickly climb to more than 60,000 by May 18. ; Some good news for beleaguered medical personnel at Oregon's hospitals. The State of Oregon received a shipment of personal protective equipment or "PPE" from the U.S. Agency for International Development—or USAID (say: U-S- A-I-D)—on Friday, replenishing the state's stockpiles of critically needed N95 masks and other protective gear. It was a huge relief after word earlier last week that the Strategic National Stockpile was out of N95 respirators and gowns, was dangerously low on other critical gear, and that the remaining supplies would be kept in reserve to support federal response efforts. N95 masks, gowns, gloves and other PPE are vital tools in the state's ability to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, because the equipment helps frontline health care workers shield themselves from infection. The US-AID shipment of 78 pallets included N95 masks, scrubs, coveralls, and face shields. Crews inventoried the gear as it was unloaded, then sorted and shipped to the state's 36 counties in allotments based both on their population and their number of active cases of COVID-19. The counties are handling local distribution to medical providers. And there's an interesting backstory on where this equipment was being stored. The US-AID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance maintains warehouses around the world. This shipment came from a warehouse based in Dubai. Officials note the U.S. has not utilized materials from this stockpile for a domestic emergency since 2005, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Oregon officials said Friday the shipment included approximately 150,000 N95 masks, 2,500 scrubs pants, 2,000 scrubs tops, 250 coveralls, and close to 67,000 face shields. That sounds like a lot—and it is. But with demand for the PPE what it is, state emergency managers say they continue seeking additional supplies to meet what they anticipate will be extended needs. They say the continued drain on PPE resources underscores the importance of Oregonians to continuing to practice social distancing, to ensure fewer of us fall ill and to reduce the strain on already tight hospital supplies. ; Participants in Willamalane Park and Recreation District's volunteer program are helping to fill the local need for face masks and bouffant surgical scrub hats. And they're inviting all interested community members to assist in sewing them. Willamalane is seeking volunteers who can contribute skills and time to the project, from sewing masks to crocheting straps anything helps. The District is also seeking donations of fabric and elastic to support volunteers who are willing but do not have access to materials. Willamalane is coordinating donation and distribution of the completed masks. Donations will go to McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center nurses, with additional supplies being shared with other hospitals and independent living facilities in the area. ; During the coronavirus outbreak, state health officials say it's important to keep your prescriptions up to date and on-hand. But they're also asking you to limit your in-person visits to the pharmacy, to reduce the spread of infection:

Among their suggestions: Plan to order and pick up all your prescriptions at the same time. If possible, call prescription orders in ahead of time. Use drive-thru windows, curbside services where you may wait in your car until your prescription is ready), mail-order, or other delivery services. Do the same for your pet's medicine. Check with your doctor and pharmacist to see if you can get a larger supply of your medicines so you do not have to visit the pharmacy as often. ; Newly unemployed Oregonians encountered further trouble with the state's system for filing jobless claims Sunday, reporting that the state told them to start over with their applications – even if they had already been receiving benefits. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports it comes after the state Employment Department apologized last week for a series of breakdowns in its system that has prevented many people from filing for benefits. Statewide, at least 1 in 8 Oregonians have lost their jobs in the past few weeks – nearly 270,000 altogether, as the state's economy shut down in hopes of containing the coronavirus pandemic. Workers who successfully file their claims must refile each week to continue receiving benefits. In Sunday's breakdown, the employment department's filing system instructed those laid-off workers to "Restart Your Claim" from the beginning, according to screenshots claimants provided to The Oregonian/OregonLive. The system incorrectly told workers they had to start over because of changes in their employment status. It's not clear how many people are getting the erroneous messages Sunday but dozens of people wrote on Twitter they had encountered the problem. It's also unclear whether those workers should in fact restart their claims, as the system instructs. Update: The Oregon Employment Department said Monday that Sunday's stumbles affected a "small portion" of claimants. It says some of those people who received a "restart" message may, in fact, need to restart their claims. It suggests claimants with continued issues email the department at OED_COVID19_Info@oregon.gov. The flood of jobless claims has overwhelmed the employment department. While some people with straightforward claims are able to file for benefits online, the department has acknowledged its system has incorrectly told others that their claims have been denied. Some claims require people to speak by phone with the department, but its call centers have been inundated by a flood of new claims, exacerbated by confusing messages from the department's website. And the department said its computer systems will not allow it to waive the "waiting week" before benefits start for newly laid-off workers, even though Congress provided funding for states to start paying benefits immediately. ; Millions of Americans began receiving federal stimulus checks, known as Economic Impact Payments, over the weekend via direct deposit. Eligible taxpayers who filed tax returns for either 2019 or 2018 are getting up to \$1,200 for individuals or \$2,400 for married couples, with an extra \$500 available for each qualifying child under the age of 17. The IRS says it also is using the information included in benefit statements for Social Security recipients and railroad retirees, known as Forms SSA-1099 and Form RRB-1099, in providing \$1,200 stimulus payments to those who didn't file tax returns for 2018 or 2019. But what if you didn't file a tax return in either of the past two years or don't receive Social Security, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), or railroad retiree benefits? And what if the IRS doesn't have your direct deposit information on file and you don't want to wait several weeks or months for a paper check to arrive in the mail? The IRS and The U.S. Department of the Treasury have launched an online tool that allows non-filers to enter their information to speed the payments. You may find it online by going to the Internal Revenue Service's website at [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov) and clicking on the link for Economic Impact Payments. ; Some Americans are not eligible for the stimulus checks. Parents will get an extra \$500 payment per child, but that's only for kids under 17 because of age guidelines related to the "Child Tax Credit" in federal tax code. There's also no check for the country's roughly 20 million college students who are claimed by their parents as dependents. And because they're age 17 or older, their parents

won't receive the extra \$500, either. While people who receive disability benefits from the Social Security Administration or Veterans Affairs are eligible for the payments, some seniors who live with their adult children or other relatives and are claimed by them as dependents on their taxes will not get checks. Neither will disabled adults who are claimed by their parents or other relatives as dependents on their taxes. You don't have to be a U.S. citizen to get a payment. But you do need a valid Social Security number. That means immigrants with green cards and those on H-1B and H-2A visas will receive payments. Nonresident aliens, temporary workers and immigrants in the U.S. illegally won't. Did you have a baby this year? Congratulations! But parents of babies born in 2020 will have to wait until next year to receive their \$500 payment for their child, because the child payment is based on income taxes filed in either 2018 or 2019. But they are expected to get \$500 credits next year when they file their 2020 returns. Some parents who are not married and split custody of their kids take turns each year claiming them on their taxes. But if those payments are not on your 2019 tax return, you won't be the parent who sees a check that includes \$500 per child. Your coronavirus money also can be garnished if you're overdue on your child support payments. And if you've recently divorced or are estranged from your spouse, there might also be a complication: The IRS will deposit funds into whatever bank account was used for your most recent tax refund, unless you update your direct deposit information with the agency. But at present, there is no system to inform the IRS that you have divorced or are estranged. ; On Friday, the Oregon Employment Department began issuing those additional \$600 per week federal jobless benefits included in the massive \$2.2 trillion dollar stimulus law. Oregonians who are already eligible for regular Unemployment Insurance benefits and the added federal aid will receive two weekly payments; one for their regular state Unemployment Insurance benefits, plus the additional \$600 payment. If you receive your benefits via direct deposit, that's also how you'll receive the added federal benefits. If you receive a paper check in the mail, the added \$600 will also be sent as a paper check. The supplemental federal benefits will be paid for each week someone is eligible during the period dating from March 29 through the week ending July 25. The \$600 payments also will be retroactive for those who qualify for the payments. State officials say no additional action is needed to apply for or receive the enhanced federal jobless benefits. But you must have an existing Oregon Unemployment Insurance claim, continue claiming weekly benefits, and be eligible to receive those benefits. The new federal stimulus program also allows those who are self-employed, contract workers, and gig workers who were not previously eligible to receive unemployment benefits for the first time. Oregon Employment Department staff and programmers are working to update the state's computer system to integrate those filings and benefits. ; A reminder for college students: Federal relief for student loans continues through September—if your student loans are held by the federal government. And that relief should be automatic. Financial columnist Liz Weston notes that you won't have to make a payment until after Sept. 30, and interest will be waived during that time. In addition, federal collection efforts on defaulted student loans have been paused. These provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act apply to federal student loans made through the direct loan program, including undergraduate, graduate and parent loans. You can log on to studentaid.gov to see if your loan qualifies. Weston adds that if you have Perkins loans or Federal Family Education loans that do not qualify, you can consolidate those loans into a direct consolidation loan, which would qualify. The student loan financial relief provisions also do not apply to private student loans. But you should contact your lender to see whether they offer loan relief or other hardship options. ; Food pantries across Lane County that are managed by our local food bank, FOOD for Lane County, received a big donation late last week from the Greenhill Humane Society. Greenhill officials say

it came after they received a generous grant from the Humane Society of the United States to purchase resources for its community pet food and supply bank. Greenhill is working with FOOD for Lane County to distribute the more than 3,000 pounds of pet food and supplies to the food pantries where it is needed most. Community members who need extra support to feed or care for their pet may contact the Greenhill Humane Society or their local FOOD for Lane County Pantry. To find the nearest food pantry, visit www.foodforlanecounty.org

Greenhill is also accepting donations to its pet food bank. Monetary donations are appreciated which can be made online or by calling the shelter at 541-689-1503. Donors also may drop donations off at Greenhill during regular business hours of 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. But please call ahead to arrange for a safe drop-off of supplies. Another donor option: Purchase an item from Greenhill's Amazon Wish list that will be delivered to the shelter. For more information on Greenhill Humane Society or the community pet food bank, visit www.green-hill.org ; ; The Eugene Public Library is expanding free online access in order to support Eugene area students and community members while its public buildings are closed due to COVID-19. Normally, many online services require a library card. But during this time the Library will register new cardholders by phone. People who live in the Eugene area but outside City of Eugene limits will be issued temporary cards at no charge. Expired and blocked library cards may also be used at this time. To register for a new card or renew an expired card, call Eugene Public Library between 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., seven days a week, at 541-682-5450. Blocked cards and cards that would have expired in March through May have been cleared for use and automatically extended through June 30. Library Director Will O'Hearn says the changes should be especially helpful for students and families in the Eugene and Bethel School Districts. The Eugene Public Library provides many online resources for K-12 students, including free access to Britannica Library and a live tutoring service. The Library also offers hundreds of thousands of online items for all ages, including eBooks, audiobooks, streaming movies and shows, music, and magazines. In recent weeks, Library staff have increased the number of online titles and copies of popular titles to further expand choices and availability. A Eugene Public Library card also provides free access to subscription sites such as Lynda.com for technology and career skills, Ancestry.com for genealogy research, Mango Languages for language learning, Consumer Reports, and more. / SAFETY: Conagra Brands, Inc., is recalling more than 130,00 pounds of not ready-to-eat chicken bowl products because the product may contain small rocks. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service made (FSIS) notes the items were produced on Jan. 23, 2020. There are two types of the not-ready-to-eat chicken bowls that are included: Both are 9.5-oz. cartons containing "Healthy Choice POWER BOWLS Chicken Feta & Farro." One has a lot code of 5006002320, UPC code 072655001800 and a "best by" date of 10/19/2020 on the label. The other contains the "Healthy Choice POWER BOWLS Chicken Feta & Farro," name in English and French and carries a lot code of 5006002320, UPC code 072655003026 and a "best by" date of 10/19/2020 on the label. The products subject to recall bear establishment number "P115" printed on the packaging next to the lot code. These items were shipped to retail locations nationwide and exported to Canada. There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about an injury or illness should contact a healthcare provider. But the food producer and federal regulators are concerned that some of products might be in consumers' freezers. If they're in yours, do not consume them. These products should be thrown away. / CRIME: Early Saturday morning, a Eugene Police officer spotted a stolen vehicle out of the Albany area. The silver Ford F-150 pick-up was spotted parked outside the Campus Inn on East Broadway. Officers identified the suspect as 38-year-old Alan Joseph Labrasseur of Eugene, hailed him and persuaded him to

leave his hotel room and surrender. Labrasseur was charged with Unauthorized Use Vehicle and Possession of Heroin. ; Authorities say human remains found near Sweet Home have been tentatively connected to a 2011 missing person case. The Linn County Sheriff's Office has said hikers found the remains this week on densely forested Weyerhaeuser property. The sheriff's office did not release information about the 2011 case and said no additional information was available. It's the second set of human remains found near Sweet Home this month. / ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH: How bad are allergies this spring for some Oregonians? Pretty horrible. The recent stretch of sunny weather is sending tree pollens off the charts. Grass pollens are moderate, by comparison, and don't begin to peak for another month or so. In Eugene, Oregon Allergy Associates is one of close to 50 stations nationwide that collects and provides pollen counts to a database maintained by the National Allergy Bureau. According to Oregon Allergy Associates' webpage, the pollen is collected with a scientific instrument known as a Burkard air sampler, located on the second story of the health care provider's office at 15th and Oak Streets. Each pollen count reflects the previous 24 hours of air sampling. Tree pollen levels are considered "Very High" when pollen counts are above 500. The most recent numbers, from Friday, recorded a pollen count of 1,145. By comparison, grass pollens—which are considered "Moderate" right now—were at eight. Windborne pollinating plants and trees are the most commonly allergen, as opposed to the heavy, sticky pollen in flowers that rely on insects for pollination. Pollen counts are usually higher on warm, windy days. Windborne pollen can travel several miles, although greater concentrations of pollens are seen from trees and vegetation located in close proximity to the sampler. Your individual daily exposure includes such as the amount of time spent outdoors and whether you are walking, biking, running or driving in a car with the windows open. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEALTH, ECONOMY, BUSINESS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITY: The governors of Oregon, Washington, and California announced Monday they'll work together to re-open their economies while continuing to control the spread of COVID-19. But there are no set timelines and that the states will retain the ability to pick the dates they want to lift their restrictions, putting their residents' health first and letting science and health data guide decisions. Governors Kate Brown of Oregon, Jay Inslee of Washington, and Gavin Newsom of California are expected to outline details in their respective news conferences later today. The West Coast pact announcement came the same day several northeastern states — Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island — announced a similar compact. Officials will be looking at a range of data, including the rate of infection, rate of fatalities and percentage of positive tests. They say any easing of "Stay Home" orders will be based on evidence that infections and COVID-19 cases have significantly decreased, that there is wide availability of testing, and that state and local health departments have enough staff to quickly trace possible close contacts of newly diagnosed patients. State leaders say key goals that will accompany any easing of the rules include: Protecting vulnerable populations — such as those in nursing homes — who are at risk if infected; ensuring adequate hospital capacity and personal protective equipment in order to care for those who may get sick; reducing the non-direct COVID-19 health impacts, particularly on disadvantaged communities; and protecting the general public by ensuring that any successful lifting of interventions includes the development of a system for testing, tracking and isolating. The virus causes mild to moderate symptoms in most patients, and the vast majority recover. But it is highly contagious and can be spread by those who appear healthy and can cause severe illness and death in some patients, particularly the elderly and those with underlying health conditions. ; Lane County's Public Health Officer, Dr. Patrick Luedtke, says there are several key criteria we'd need to meet before he could even imagine us relaxing "Stay Home" restrictions: He says we'd need diseases and deaths to decrease over the course of two incubation periods. The incubation period for virus is up to 14 days from when someone is exposed to when they begin showing symptoms, which would be 28 days. He says we might see at a bit of a plateau on cases right now, having hit a relatively stable period of a couple of cases a day. He hopes the numbers will stay there and then slowly decrease. But he adds the numbers are certainly not where they need to be to say that cases are decreasing over two incubation periods and adds we need local testing capacity: Lane County Public Health and local healthcare providers' response involves finding cases and doing contact investigations. That's a critical part of any outbreak response. He says officials need to make sure that they have the testing capacity locally that allows them to

do that very quickly. Not just to respond currently, but if we were to relax restrictions and a second wave occurred, would need to scale back up very quickly to make sure the second wave wasn't too big. Luedtke says we are slowly increasing testing capacity but not there yet. Contact tracing resources: Luedtke says we're pretty good here in Lane County with what's known as "contact tracing," which tracks the sources of individual infections. But he notes we're just one of 36 counties. Some other counties have smaller health departments and there's a lot of travel and commerce between those counties and their communities. Luedtke says we need to be sure that everyone has the ability to do contact tracing in a real-time sort of way. Sufficient PPE: We still have local, state and national shortages. Luedtke says it's essential we get more PPE available in the pipeline and that we really need to ensure there is significant PPE before we consider relaxing any of these restrictions. What would it look like if we relaxed restrictions? Luedtke says we would need to have a blueprint, as well as education of the business community and the general public before we could consider moving forward. He says we'd also need to have plans in place for the healthcare community to scale back up if there were a "second wave" of infections and illnesses. Lane County Public Health has been working very closely with hospitals and urgent care and with the other clinical entities in the community—from primary care and dentists to behavioral health. He says we need to make sure that all are ready to scale back up if we get a second wave, should we decide to relax these restrictions. Finally, Luedtke notes we are just one of 36 counties. He says we could be the lucky county that has many, many fewer cases. And he adds that it looks like the number of new cases are decreasing significantly. But he says other counties around us are on the "steep" part of the infection curve and their cases are still going up. He says it would be unwise for us to relax restrictions until those trends change. Luedtke says that's why we need a statewide view, which means we need some guidance from and organizational alignment with the Oregon Health Authority. ; Lane County has 43 positive COVID-19 test results and one suspected COVID-19 death. The total includes five new cases that were announced yesterday. A total of 1,356 Lane County residents have been tested for the coronavirus. Over the weekend, public health officials announced the first two cases of infection with ties to local long-term care facilities. Another was announced Monday: The most recent is a person who is an employee of the Garden Way Retirement Home in Eugene. Health investigators are working to trace the source of that infection and anyone who might have been in close contact with the person. One of the two earlier cases is a person who is an employee of River Grove Memory Care in the Santa Clara area. Public health officials say that person had at least four contacts and all are being tested. They also thanked River Grove managers for being cooperative and proactive, as well as working with and following all Lane County Public Health guidance. The other previously announced case is a person who had access to the care facilities at Good Samaritan-Eugene Village and potentially had multiple contacts. That health investigation is in progress. The other cases announced on Monday include: three women—one in her 40s, another in her 50s, and the third in her 70s. All live in private residences in the Eugene-Springfield area and all are considered medically stable at home. One of the cases, the woman in her 50s, contracted the virus from a previously-identified case in her household. The other new case involves a man in his 20s who lives in a private residence in the Eugene-Springfield area and is medically stable at home. ; Lane County Public Health officials say they anticipated cases would pop up among employees or residents of local skilled-nursing and long-term care facilities. They say we'd been very fortunate up until this point. But they add that the delay in the first case allowed managers with the public health and the facilities to put detailed plans in place to better react to the situation. As a result, county public health officials say they have great communication with those facilities and as what are known as

“contact investigations” progress, they will be able to quickly test people who might have been exposed and then isolate them within the facility. In mid-March, care facilities across Lane County took steps to reduce the risk of infection and spread of the virus. They placed restrictions on visitors; isolated residents and put a hold on outings and other scheduled activities; and instructed staff members to wear masks while on the job and to stay home if they were showing any signs or symptoms of any illness. Facilities also monitor and screen members of their staffs for any symptoms of COVID-19. Staff in the facilities stepped up cleaning and sanitation efforts, disinfecting what are known as “high-touch” surfaces such as handrails and doorknobs multiple times a day, and installing additional hand sanitizer stations throughout their respective buildings. Caregiving staff also are sanitizing shared equipment, resident wheelchairs, treatment carts, charting devices, and other items. In the dietary and meals departments, long-term care and skilled-nursing facilities took steps to ensure that any item that enters and leaves the kitchen is thoroughly cleaned and sanitized. ; Among Lane County’s 43 cases announced since the outbreak began: Thirteen people have recovered. Six patients remain hospitalized. Twenty-three people are resting at home. One person died from a suspected COVID-19 case more than four weeks ago. Our local cases are pretty evenly divided between women and men. Most of those diagnosed are age 40 and older. But eight patients are in their 20s or 30s and two are in their teens. At least 1,363 of the county’s 375,000 residents have been tested. ; In terms of how local cases have evolved: Luedtke says that early on in this outbreak, the vast majority of our local cases were linked to travel: People who’d come in from other countries, people who’d traveled on cruise ships, and so on. But now, travel-related cases down to less than ten percent of the county totals. There’s been a shift as travel decreased and community transmission increased. Now, officials are seeing more cases of Community Transmission and, in some cases Household Transmission as an infected member of a household transmits the virus to someone under the same roof. ; COVID-19 has claimed one more life in Oregon. The Oregon Health Authority says that put the state’s death toll at 53 yesterday morning. The state also reported 57 new positive tests for COVID-19. That put Oregon’s total confirmed cases at 1,584 since the outbreak began. Oregon’s 53rd COVID-19 death is a 66-year-old Washington County resident, who had underlying medical conditions. ; That shipment of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that arrived in Oregon on Friday from the US-AID National Strategic Stockpile in Dubai? It was inventoried and divided up over the weekend and on Monday headed to locations across Oregon. At the direction of Governor Kate Brown, and according to the Oregon Military Department, the PPE has been sent to all 36 counties, nine Tribal Nations, and two Tribal Health Agencies. The supplies were allocated according to the local governments’ populations and number of active COVID-19 cases. The Oregon Military Department and the Oregon National Guard have been assisting local communities throughout the state since February 28. Approximately 200 members of the Oregon National Guard are providing direct assisted at several locations. They’ve set up temporary triage tents outside some medical centers and a temporary medical treatment facility inside a building at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. National Guard members also have assisted with food distributions. ; Give it up for our local tech companies in the Silicon Shire! Solid work and creative logistics are bringing much-needed medical supplies to our area. Officials with local tech companies and groups say they’ve banded together to establish a medical supply chain out of Shenzhen, China, building on their existing supply sources. They say deliveries began on Thursday. A portion of those packages are heading to front-lines medical workers, others to employees at essential businesses. Once the packages began arriving in Eugene, tech companies created a custom supply chain to ensure deliveries flowed efficiently: BitCork , which normally supplies wines to local restaurants, provided warehouse logistics;

Concierge365 , which normally supplies a digital concierge service for hotel guests and hospitality properties, created online ordering; and local electric vehicle maker Arcimoto handled delivery. ; There was another glitch over the weekend with Oregon's overwhelmed unemployment benefits filing system. But state officials and programmers say they've fixed it. The breakdown in the claims system on Sunday erroneously told some laid-off workers to restart their previously filed benefit claims. Officials say if you or someone you know encountered that error, go back online give it another try. Things should work now. Oregon Employment Department officials said Sunday's lapse affected only a "small" portion of people seeking to file claims. But with an extraordinary 270,000 Oregonians laid off in the past few weeks, that still can be a lot of people. The employment department has been overwhelmed by an unprecedented number of new jobless claims during the coronavirus outbreak. Officials say Sunday's error occurred because the department's online system had confirmed some people's claims but its mainframe computers had not yet processed them. Monday's fix should prevent the problem from reoccurring next week. If you restarted your claim yesterday (Sunday) before the auto-fix, and were able to claim the week, then your initial claim should not be affected and it should pick up where it left off. You do not need to start a new claim. The employment department's computer systems which date to the 1990s, which has created its own technical issues during the overwhelming demand for jobless benefits. State employment officials said Monday they have processed more than half of the 270,000 claims that have flooded in during the first three weeks of filing. At the end of last week, they also began forwarding the \$600 bonus payment for laid-off workers authorized last month by Congress. The department has quadrupled the number of people taking claims, but with 1 in 8 Oregonians laid off in the past several weeks the phone lines remain jammed. While many workers can file online, claimants with questions or claims that must be filed manually report they have spent hours on hold or been unable to get through. ; Driving is down-- way down-- during the pandemic. Most major auto insurers are providing their customers with rebates or credits on future bills. The Oregonian and OregonLive report that According to tracking group Arity, the total number of miles traveled is down more than 50 percent countrywide. Travelers began changing their behaviors within a week of March 8, the data shows, just as coronavirus restrictions began spreading across the country. As a result of fewer cars on the road, several major insurers are offering rebates or credits on upcoming premium bills to their customers, most in the range of 15 to 25 percent for the past two months. ; Inspectors with Oregon OSHA, the state's workplace safety agency, are beginning spot checks of businesses around the state. They want to ensure that companies are operating safely and enforcing physical distancing among workers and customers to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. They're also checking that businesses ordered closed under the state's "Stay Home" guidelines are, in fact, following the law. Most are. But Oregon OSHA has received thousands of complaints from employees, customers and other that some businesses are not obeying the rules and keeping people safe. The spot checks are in addition to more time-intensive, on-site inspections based on specific workplace complaints that are already taking place. According to the Oregon OSHA news release: From March 2 through April 12, the division received 2,887 complaints related to the coronavirus. More than 1,200 of those came during the week of March 23, when the governor's executive order was issued. Since April 6, the number of complaints has noticeably tapered off. The division typically receives just over 2,000 complaints per year. In screening complaints, Oregon OSHA's work has included clarifying employers' responsibilities under the governor's order and asking employers to specifically respond to the allegations outlined in complaints. So far, the division has opened a dozen on-site inspections. The opening and closing of an inspection – and a decision whether to issue a citation – can take

several weeks, depending on the specifics of a case. The division is working to accelerate that process. The division may conduct on-site inspections for a variety of reasons, including whether it determines an employer's response to the complaints may not be credible. Responses include phone calls and written documentation. The formal introduction of systematic spot checks – about two dozen of which have been conducted previously on a less formal basis – is aimed at verifying what employers are telling the division about their actions without requiring the more resource-intensive formal inspection process. ; Good news for businesses working to improve safety for their workers during the pandemic. SAIF—Oregon's not-for-profit workers' compensation insurance company—has added \$15 million dollars to its Coronavirus Worker Safety Fund and reopened it for applications. It comes after more than 1,300 Oregon businesses applied after the fund opened on March 31 and the initial \$10 million was allocated in just five days. The fund is designed to support employee safety, reduce injuries, and decrease exposures by helping businesses of any size, anywhere in Oregon, that are impacted by the coronavirus. More than 53,000 SAIF policyholders are eligible for funds. Some of the most common requests are for personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies. In addition, resources to redesign or modify workspaces to encourage social distancing; mental health and wellness initiatives; and coronavirus and job reassignment safety training are eligible. Ineligible expenses include telecommuting and regular staffing expenses, including labor costs for employees reassigned to new positions. that missed the opportunity to apply for the will have a second chance today, after the fund reopened with an additional \$15 million. SAIF recommends policyholders submit applications as soon as possible, given how quickly the initial funding was exhausted. Policyholders who previously applied do not need to apply again; applications are still being processed from the first round of funding. ; Oregon's network of food banks, including FOOD for Lane County, will receive a share of \$8 million dollars in new emergency assistance. Governor Kate Brown announced the effort yesterday, saying the money helps fill an urgent need for individuals and families seeking assistance through the Oregon Food Bank network during the COVID-19 public health crisis. It comes as the food bank network sees soaring demand from Oregonians who have lost jobs and seen their businesses cut back hours or close. At the same time, there's been a significant decrease in donations from commercial food producers, who've seen their own operations reduced or idled. The Oregon Food Bank Network includes 21 regional food banks and more than 1,400 food assistance sites around the state. Officials say hunger was a crisis before the pandemic and the situation now is far worse. The state will pay the Oregon Food Bank weekly over the next eight weeks to meet the increased demand. State officials expect they'll receive about \$6 million of that back from FEMA, under the state's federal emergency declaration. In the meantime, a reminder from Oregon's leaders that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (often referred to as SNAP or food stamps) remains the state's first line of defense against hunger. Recent state and federal actions eliminated many restrictions on SNAP eligibility and expands coverage. ; Two more temporary emergency shelter sites have opened in Eugene for those who are homeless and unhoused. The project is a joint effort by White Bird and Carry It Forward—both of which are local homeless service providers—along with the cities of Eugene and Springfield and Lane County. The first two temporary shelter sites, which opened one week ago and are located in the parking lots of the Amazon and Hilyard Community Centers, are full. Two additional shelter sites are opening this week in the parking lots of the Petersen Barn Community Center, at 870 Berntzen Road. The sites will provide space for six vehicles and six tent spots. Spaces in the sites are available by referral only. Individuals first must go to the White Bird distribution site, at 341 E 12th Avenue, to be assigned a designated temporary shelter location. The White Bird distribution site is open seven days per week

from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sites are designed for small groups of people (up to 10 people or six tents) may stay in tents or vehicles with appropriate physical distancing. The sites are outfitted with portable restrooms and handwashing stations, basic food and supplies. Volunteers and staff who will conduct regular check-ins to monitor campers' welfare and overall health. The locations also have privacy fencing in place to help provide site security. Coordinators say Individuals who are already safely sheltering in place elsewhere are advised to stay where they are and access supplies through the distribution site or outreach teams rather than relocating. Earlier this month, local governments and social service agencies began active outreach to homeless individuals to ensure they had essential supplies to meet their basic food, water and hygiene needs so they could shelter in place. Teams also shared educational information and lists of local resources. ; Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said during a White House news briefing that more than 80 million Americans are expected to receive direct deposit payments by Wednesday as part of the country's COVID-19 relief program. Mnuchin added that people who are eligible for direct deposit and do not receive a deposit this week should go to the Internal revenue service's website at IRS.gov and provide their banking information and tax return information to ensure their receive their payment within several days. ; The University of Oregon is placing 282 employees on extended unpaid leave because officials say closures and cutbacks associated with the pandemic have cost millions of dollars in revenue. U-of-O President Michael Schill outlined the cuts in a post on the campus website, saying the move is part of an effort to offset a projected \$25 million revenue loss during spring term. The affected employees work in campus housing and dining, the student recreation center, Erb Memorial Union, access shuttle program and athletics. Schill noted that the University of Oregon normally houses and feed more than 4,500 students; fewer than 225 currently live on campus. Other closures, including the shuttering of college sports schedules and events, is affecting other departments. No faculty positions are included. Those among the 282 employees placed on extended unpaid leave will receive a 30-day paid notice and be allow employees to keep their health insurance through the UO at the same cost, and technically remain employed by the university, so they are available to be called back to work through Aug. 31. / CRIME, POLICING: Lane County's Interagency Team is handling the investigation into an officer-involved shooting late last night in South Eugene. It happened outside a townhouse in the 100 block of Westbrook Way, near 47th and Willamette Streets. It came after officers responded to a call at the residence shortly before noon on Monday about a suspect who had refused to leave a family member's townhouse since Sunday. After the suspect fired rounds from the townhouse, police activated their Crisis Negotiation and SWAT teams and Central Lane 911 sent a Community Emergency Notification to residents within roughly a one-quarter mile radius, notifying them to shelter in place. Investigators say the suspect came out the door of the townhouse with the rifle shortly before midnight and shots were fired. Officials say officers rendered emergency medical aid and Eugene-Springfield Fire and EMS transported the suspect to a local hospital. / ELECTIONS, EDUCATION: On the May 19, 2020 ballot, the Lane Community College Board will ask voters in its service area to consider a \$121.5 million bond. The money would fund safety and security updates, seismic retrofitting. It would expand Health Professions and Workforce Training Programs. And it would modernize classroom technology throughout the district. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, SCHOOLS, LOW-INCOME, HOMELESSNESS: Lane County Public Health officials announced one new positive test for COVID-19 on Tuesday, bringing the county's total to 44 since the outbreak began. The new case is a man in his 50s who is currently hospitalized. He lives in a private residence in Eugene-Springfield. ; Officials with the Oregon Health Authority yesterday morning reported that COVID-19 has claimed two more lives, raising the state's death toll to 55. State officials also reported 50 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the state's cumulative total of positive tests to 1,633. Oregon's most recent deaths include a 71-year-old man in Multnomah County man and an 88-year-old Benton County woman. Both had underlying medical conditions. ; Meantime, officials with the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs say they've learned one of the residents, infected in March at the Oregon Veterans' Home in Lebanon and considered among those who recovered, died on April 4. It was originally believed the person died from complications associated with their other underlying medical conditions, but public health authorities are now classifying it as COVID-19 related. That brings the total number of COVID-19 related deaths within the Oregon Veterans Home to four. ; While the crisis is far from over in the U.S., with more than 26,000 dead and approximately 609,000 confirmed infections, the doomsday scenarios that were predicted just two weeks ago have not come to pass, raising hopes from coast to coast. Worldwide, close to 2 million confirmed infections have been reported and close to 127,000 people have died, according to figures compiled by Johns Hopkins University. But the figures understate the true size of the pandemic, because of limited testing, uneven counting of the dead and concealment by some governments. ; She says it isn't going to be easy and it will take longer than we want. Oregon Governor Kate Brown on Tuesday outlined the state's initial framework for lifting statewide closures affecting millions across the state. But she's not putting a date on when that will occur. Instead, she says state and local leaders and public health officials will take a slow, science-based approach to deciding how to move forward. Among the things they want to see in place before gradually lifting Oregon's stay-at-home restrictions: Sustained declines in active COVID-19 infections and patients; increased surge capacity in hospitals with sufficient Personal Protective Equipment or "PPE" for hospital and other medical workers; increased testing capacity coupled with robust tracing and isolation of positive cases; and strategies to protect some of our most vulnerable communities, including residents of nursing homes and the homeless population. State officials are working to put numbers to those targets, including the level at which they'd need to be able to test patients and others, as well as what size stockpile of PPE would be needed to handle months of future cases. At the same time, the governor and others will gather input local and business leaders to determine the best way to gradually

reopen the state's economy while preventing a "second wave" of infections that could force another shutdown. ; Computer models estimate Oregon's infection rate has fallen dramatically amid the statewide shutdown. But statewide cases still have not reached a plateau, and on Friday researchers with the Institute for Disease Modeling released a report that concluded Oregon is not expected to see a drop-off in numbers for at least six weeks. The researchers wrote that Oregon needs to maintain its current aggressive measures to decrease the number of active infections. Without that, the projections concluded infections would rapidly increase. State epidemiologist Dr. Dean Sidelinger said that to reopen, Oregon would not need the capability to test every Oregonian but would need to be able to collect and process do 15,000 tests a week—roughly 2,100 per day. Former Food and Drug Administration commissioner Scott Gottlieb has said the U.S. should be testing one percent of its population each week. That would put Oregon's target at about 40,000 a week—more than twice the desired capacity. Chunhuei Chi, director of the Center for Global Health at Oregon State University, told a reporter from The Oregonian and OregonLive on Monday that to establish a program similar to one successfully used in Taiwan, Oregon needed between 400 and 1,000 people to administer testing and trace the contacts of known positive cases to effectively control the spread when restrictions are loosened. By comparison, Multnomah County, Oregon's most populated county, had a pre-pandemic staff of seven people to trace contacts and has since added 15 more. Lane County, which is about half of Multnomah's size, has seven full time nurses who investigate coronavirus cases; two former staff members are assisting in a volunteer capacity. ; Oregon, Washington and California's governors on Tuesday outlined a complex set of circumstances for their states to lift coronavirus restrictions and then described a possible new normal that might include staggered start times for public schools to keep students separated; no crowds at sporting events, fairs or concerts; even temperature checks for restaurant customers and servers wearing masks and gloves. It was a reality check for tens of millions of West Coast residents after days of encouraging reports about the slow growth in new cases that had many hopeful for a reset of public life following an early spring spent mainly indoors. But the governors, including Oregon's Kate Brown, say it's not safe to consider loosening stay-at-home orders until hospitalizations, particularly those in intensive care units, "flatten and start to decline" for at least a couple of weeks. Even then, the governors listed a handful of conditions that must be met, including expanded testing, more protective equipment for health care workers, and better treatment and an improved ability to track and isolate those who have been infected. Any broader reopening will require development of a vaccine and evidence that residents have developed "herd immunity" to the virus, meaning a sufficiently high percentage will not get infected and won't transmit the virus to others. California's governor said, "there is no light switch here. I would argue it is more like a dimmer." The governors say they fear reopening too early would lead to a deadly second wave of cases that puts their economies at even more risk by extending the period of time before residents may resume normal activities. The economic impacts have been massive in Oregon, with thousands of businesses closed and close to 270,000 million people filing for unemployment insurance benefits in the first three weeks of the "Stay Home" orders. Governor Brown and state officials have delayed tax deadlines, rent payments and evictions and have spent hundreds of millions to boost aid to struggling individuals and families. Oregon school buildings remain closed this spring as students study online. The shape of fall term is still being decided. ; Governors around the U.S. yesterday began sketching out plans to reopen their economies in a slow and methodical process to prevent the coronavirus from rebounding with tragic consequences. Governors in Oregon, Washington and California formed a coalition on Monday to craft guidelines on how to emerge from the crisis. Among other things, hospitalizations will have to

decline, more testing will have to become available, there must be enough health investigators for swift tracing of possible cases of infection, and front-line medical staff must have an adequate supply of Personal Protective Equipment or PPEs. And when the states do reopen, they warn, things will not look the same. California's governor noted waiters will probably be wearing masks and gloves when they serve diners in spaces with far fewer tables, schools might stagger students' arrival times to reduce crowding, and large gatherings such as sporting events and concerts are likely to be postponed for quite some time. A similar coalition has taken shape in the Northeast, encompassing Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. Politicians and public health authorities alike warn that easing restrictions in the U.S. and Europe will have to be accompanied by widespread antibody testing to see who might be immune. While the president has issued national social-distancing guidelines advising people to stay home, it has been governors and local leaders who have instituted the tough, mandatory restrictions, such as lockdowns and the closing of schools and nonessential businesses. Trump has repeatedly expressed his desire to see the U.S. reopened for business quickly. But on Tuesday, he said he would speak with all 50 governors soon to provide guidance on how and when to reopen but it would be up to them to determine the right time and manner to revive activity in their states. The effects of "Stay Home" measures around the globe were made plain on Monday by the International Monetary Fund, which projects that the world economy will suffer its worst year since the Great Depression in the 1930s, shrinking by an estimated three percent. ; As the number of infections increased in Oregon and Lane County, our local hospitals—including four operated by PeaceHealth along with McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center in Springfield created screening areas outside of their emergency departments. They are places where people with respiratory symptoms—including a cough and shortness of breath—may be assessed and either wait for space in the emergency department or, should they have less severe symptoms, be sent home for follow-up consultations and treatment. Dr. Jim McGovern, the Vice-President of Medical Affairs for PeaceHealth Oregon, said at yesterday's Lane County media briefing that surgery patients also are being screened for fever, cough, shortness of breath. How are they making sure patients are correctly diagnosed going forward? In the next week, PeaceHealth is implementing an expanded effort that will include a fairly rapid turnaround on tests to identify patients who do NOT have the coronavirus. That way, they can divide their hospitals in Springfield, Eugene, Cottage Grove and Florence to have separate sides of the hospital that care for those who have tested negative for the virus and can isolate them from those who have tested positive. ; Officials with our local hospitals say there's a lot of planning underway for when Lane County is on the back side of the coronavirus outbreak. But they say the next phase of protecting the community and its staff could last nine to 12 months. What would that look like? Dr. Jim McGovern, the Vice-President of Medical Affairs for PeaceHealth Oregon says healthcare providers know we'll still have the virus circulating at a low level in the community for quite some time. For how long? At least until there's a vaccine developed and distributed and enough people have received it to develop what's known as "herd immunity." McGovern says in the meantime, hospitals are working with local clinics to ensure they can handle any patient surges and increase testing. One of the first priorities as restrictions loosen is to reschedule elective surgeries and other elective appointments and procedures. The good news, short-term, is that he and other hospital officials think they're at a place where they have enough capacity for any surge in COVID-19 patients. McGovern says PeaceHealth in Lane County has plenty of hospital beds, plenty of ICU space, and plenty of ventilators. He says officials are managing personal protective equipment at a rate where they could still use more but feel like they will be okay, although they remain concerned about the long-

term shortages. The cooperation extends to McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center, which is handling much of the area's outpatient care, as well as to local medical clinics area long-term care and skilled nursing facilities. In the meantime, Dr. Jessica Versage (say: vuhr-SAWJZ'), the Chief Medical Officer for McKenzie-Willamette, says the focus remains on keeping their health care providers safe, continuing health safety education, and maintaining supplies of PPE. ; Local medical providers are working to determine what the "new normal" will look like once the numbers of coronavirus cases peaks and then begins to decline across Oregon. But for now, they're still working to protect patients and staff from infection. And that's required some dramatic changes in how they operate. Case in point: Oregon Medical Group, which is one of Lane County's largest practices. OMG's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Stacy Chance, says in mid-March they began completely restructuring the care they provided. When the state ordered cancellation of non-essential appointments and procedures, it meant healthy people would not be coming to the clinics. The next step was keeping the mildly sick at home, while providing telephone or telehealth advice. And they needed to establish ways of diagnosing and direct those who were sick enough and needed immediate care to the right place—either one of their clinics or one of the hospitals. At the same time, OMG officials say they worked to identify their most at-risk patients and provide them guidance and support to prevent worsening of their chronic conditions. They also say they also redesigned all of their clinic spaces to be safer for their patients, employees and clinicians. Oregon Medical Group opened a dedicated new respiratory illness clinic for patients who needed to be seen in person and be tested for COVID-19, if needed. And OMG moved its "Well-Child" care to a completely separate site to provide safe healthcare for young patients, including those who needed immunizations. With the shift to telephone and telehealth consultations, the medical group also was able to shift many employees and clinicians to working from home. Recently, they began offering home visits to some of their most at-risk patients. Oregon Medical Group also has provided volunteers for the Lane County Public Health community triage line, to answer questions and provide guidance for those concerned about the spread of the virus. ; Lane County operates half-a-dozen clinics across Eugene and Springfield. The Community Health Centers of Lane County care for close to 25,000 people who are economically vulnerable, and often have chronic health or mental health conditions. During a pandemic, officials know these patients can be more at risk, not only for complications from a coronavirus infection but from the economic and other challenges that come with it. Dr. Rick Kincade (pronounced like "Kincaid"), the Medical Director for Community Health Centers of Lane County says they've faced the same challenges as other healthcare organizations: screen patients appropriately, using personal protective equipment and masks properly, and making sure they manage limited testing supplies and identify those who are most at-risk for further complications. They've moved at least half of their staff away from the community clinics to handle telephone calls and telemedicine consultations and they've increased their outreach to clients with chronic diseases. At the same time, Kincade says they're working to contact and assist clients dealing with mental health challenges. The Community Health Centers of Lane County have an integrated behavioral health team that's been making outreach calls, talking with clients and providing support in dealing with the anxiety and the other challenges that accompany it. Kincade says we're fortunate that our community has come together and literally flattened the infection curve like a pancake. But he warns it could take a year or more to finally return to normal or a "new normal" and prevent a second wave of infections. Still, at some point, Kincade says there will be a return of services like elective surgeries and appointments, along with chronic care management. That will require lots of advance planning and enhanced safety for patients and providers. ; University of Oregon officials say they've partnered with McKenzie-Willamette

Medical Center in an effort to increase coronavirus testing. The initial tests are underway this week with the results being validated so the effort may expand later this month. U-of-O officials say genomics researchers and staff on campus provided McKenzie-Willamette with a testing machine as well as an array of instruments, scientific equipment—along with expertise in setting up a testing lab at the Springfield facility. McKenzie-Willamette officials hope to eventually begin conducting up to 200 tests a day. A physician's order will be needed for any tests and patients would be screened to determine whether they are showing symptoms of COVID-19 and qualify for the tests. University of Oregon officials say planning for the testing program began in early March, when the campus procurement office ordered a testing instrument known as the "Applied Biosystems 7500 Fast Dx Real-Time PCR" from ThermoFisher. The equipment is now in short supply nationwide. A second automated extraction RNA instrument known as the "KingFisher" is due to arrive later in April and will further increase testing capacity. Additionally, the U-of-O is providing biosafety cabinets, microcentrifuges, pipetting machines required for the specialized testing and nasal swabs required for specimen collection. ; University of Oregon will be taking their summer term courses online. Campus leaders emailed the update to students on Tuesday, after looking at infection projections for the state and consulting with U-of-O administrators and teachers. Remote teaching began with spring term in late March. Most of the University of Oregon campus is closed and only a couple hundred—rather than thousands of— students are living in dorms. ; The Register-Guard reports the White Bird Clinic has launched two pandemic-related counseling lines — one for teens and their families, the other for the general public. The phone line for high school students and their families is accepting calls on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students, families and staff in the Eugene 4J and Bethel districts should call 541-246-2342. Students, families and staff in the Springfield, South Lane and Oakridge districts should call 541-246-2332. The youth phone line will be run by members of the White Bird program, "Helping Out Our Teens in Schools," or "HOOTS." It's an offshoot of the CAHOOTS mobile crisis van that provides mental health support in high schools. White Bird also continues to operate its 24-hour crisis phone line at 541-687-4000. ; With bars and restaurants no longer offering in-person dining, Oregonians are drinking more at home. Officials with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission say state-controlled liquor stores sold close to \$66 million in distilled spirits in March, a 20 percent increase compared to March of 2019 and a new March sales record. OLCC Executive Director Steve Marks says the numbers might seem alarming to those concerned about alcohol dependency, but it actually reflects the shift in where people are drinking, not how much they are consuming. The agency notes shipments to OLCC retailer peaked and set record on March 18 and 19, days before the state's "Stay Home" orders went into place. Since then, shipments have slowed and even dipped a bit below normal levels. On the flip side, many bars and restaurants unable to serve alcoholic drinks returned unopened liquor to the OLCC, which issued more than \$500,000 in refunds to 94 licensees. While March was a big sales month at the consumer level, OLCC officials note that December of 2019 has the all-time monthly sales record, with purchases of close to \$76 million. ; There are concerns among leaders of many of America's smaller cities and counties that the \$2.2 trillion federal rescue package could fail to deliver badly needed financial aid. It comes as the coronavirus outbreak has blown holes in the budgets of communities as the costs of battling it skyrocket and critical sources of revenue like sales and income taxes plummet. The Coronavirus Relief Fund uses a formula based on population to parcel out tens of billions of dollars to the states while allowing cities and counties with more than 500,000 residents to apply directly to the Treasury Department for cash infusions. But localities below that population threshold are in limbo. Lane County's population stands at slightly more than 375,000. The National League of

Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors on Tuesday released a survey of more than 2,400 local officials that found 88 percent of them “anticipate the pandemic will lead to painful reductions in revenue this year” that will likely result in cuts to services, worker furloughs and layoffs. The groups said the outlook is “particularly acute” for cities, towns and villages under the threshold. The two advocacy groups and lawmakers have been urging Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to ensure the relief fund money is fairly distributed. Guidelines for how the relief fund will operate will be issued by the Treasury Department this week. The department created a web portal through which eligible parties could register to receive the money. Of the nearly 3,100 counties in the United States, 130 have populations of more than 500,000, according to the National Association of Counties. There are 36 cities over the half-million mark, the National League of Cities told President Trump in a letter last week. More than half the population lives in cities, towns and villages of fewer than 50,000 people, the letter noted. Every state will receive at least \$1.25 billion in relief fund money. The state governments get the biggest share of the total and local governments with more than 500,000 residents are eligible for the rest in direct payments. The Treasury Department guidelines may permit below-the-threshold counties and cities to appeal directly to their governors for a portion of the state’s allotment, according to the National Association of Counties. But that may heighten the potential for behind-the-scenes lobbying campaigns to get part of the state’s share. ; The nation’s biggest airlines have tentatively agreed to terms for \$25 billion in government aid to pay workers and avoid massive layoffs in an industry that has been slammed by the coronavirus pandemic. The assistance will include a mix of cash and loans, with the government getting warrants that can be converted into small ownership stakes in the leading airlines. Ten airlines fell in line after objecting to some of the Treasury Department’s demands. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Tuesday that the department would work to finalize the deals and hand over the money as quickly as possible. He said talks were continuing with other carriers. The airlines include the five that serve Eugene’s airport: Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta, and United. U.S. airlines entered 2020 riding a decade-long hot streak in which together they earned tens of billions of dollars due to strong travel demand. They bought new planes, enriched shareholders, and hired thousands more workers. That streak came to a crashing end in just a few weeks, as governments restricted travel to slow the spread of the new coronavirus, and people feared contracting the illness on a plane. Air travel ground to a near complete halt. Airlines cut thousands of flights, and those that remain often carry just a few passengers. With the payroll grants, airlines and their workers got special treatment in last month’s \$2.2 trillion measure designed to help businesses and workers get through the pandemic, which has hit every sector of the economy. President Trump — perhaps mindful of criticism that the government was bailing out a previously profitable industry — said the deals will support airline workers and protect taxpayers. The payroll aid is roughly based on each airline’s spending on wages and benefits from April through September 2019. But even with the federal aid, analysts say airlines are likely to emerge slowly and smaller when the pandemic recedes. ; Oregon Congressman Peter DeFazio, who chairs the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, along with U.S. Senator Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley say they secured a combined \$140 million dollars for airports across the state to cover operating expenses during the pandemic. It is included in that massive \$2.2 trillion federal stimulus package. In Lane County, the funding includes more than \$22 million dollars for Eugene’s airport. Creswell’s and Florence’s airports will receive \$30,000 each. Cottage Grove’s airport will receive \$20,000. DeFazio, Wyden and Merkley say the funding for large and small airports across the state is critical to communities that rely on them for the transport of goods, emergency travel, and an eventual return to regular operation. Acting Eugene Airport Director Cathryn Stephens says the federal relief funds

provide a solid footing to maintain staffing levels and move forward with planned infrastructure projects. ; Oregon U.S. Senators. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley on Tuesday joined a bipartisan group of 38 colleagues requesting that any future legislation to address the COVID-19 pandemic includes support for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The request comes amid reports from service providers that abusers are using the “Stay Home” order to isolate their victims, withhold financial resources, and refuse medical aid. Rape crisis centers report they are seeing an increased need for services; and many local law enforcement agencies are receiving an increased number of domestic violence-related calls. The senators say future relief packages need to include money to support programs that assist sexual assault and domestic violence survivors. In a recent national survey, coordinators at more than 600 local programs said they need emergency funding to address critical needs, transition to virtual services, and reach out to the most vulnerable. ; The Oregon Department of Agriculture this week sent a notice to producers and processors across the state. Officials are urging them to contact their local school district food buyers to see whether the farm, ranch and agricultural processors’ products might be good candidates for inclusion in those “Grab and Go” meals being distributed to school children across the state. The meals provide critical nutrition to youngsters, particularly those from lower-income families or those where a parent or parents are unemployed during the pandemic. The Agriculture Department memo notes that in a recent survey of school food service directors across Oregon, 75 percent reported that their “Grab and Go” food product options are limited, as is their staff’s capacity to prepare meals. Many districts are looking for minimally processed products that can be easily added to the lunches. Among the types of products suggested by the Oregon Department of Agriculture: Pre-packaged and pre-portioned foods; Individually packaged entrees for heat-and-serve when students take them home; Whole, cut, peeled and frozen varieties of fruits and vegetables - particularly those that are easy to eat in raw form such as sliced apple wedges and finger carrots; Pre-portioned and individually packed rice, beans and salad greens; 4 oz. portions of meats, pre-portioned in patties or link form, and frozen and packed in 5-10 pound units. State officials say food producers and processors with products that might work for school “Grab and Go” meals may contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture to be connected with school food buyers in their region. ; Protect Yourself: Don’t self-medicate. Fresh warnings this week from the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Poison Control Center: There are currently NO medications or treatments that are effective at preventing or treating COVID-19. Many of the home remedies people have tried are dangerous. Officials are urging Oregonians to continue practicing physical or social distancing, frequent handwashing and frequent cleaning of high-touch surfaces. Avoid self-medicating and consult a healthcare professional for your health needs. If you have questions, contact the Oregon Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222. ; Lane County Public Health officials say as local patients slowly recover from COVID-19 there is some encouraging news: In recent days, a woman in her 70s who had been hospitalized and on a ventilator was moved off the ventilator. On Monday, she went home to complete her recovery. Jason Davis with Lane County Public Health says that is a “huge victory” and the kind of thing that gives them hope. They say it’s worth celebrating that not only can we work together to “flatten the curve” of coronavirus infections but that some who are hardest-hit by COVID-19 can get better. ; Lane County Public Health officials said “thank you” yesterday. For several weeks, the county has been asking for and receiving donations of personal protective equipment or “PPE” for those working at hospitals and in other settings to treat COVID-19 patients. Officials say the level of PPE donation has been unprecedented and is one of the reasons our shortages are not as dire as other parts of Oregon and the United States. Public health officials donations came from medical, dental and vision practices,

contractors, and a number of businesses ranging from hair salons and tattoo parlors to the University of Oregon. ; The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County is still in need of donations to assist those living in temporary emergency shelter camps for the unhoused. The major need is for new men's and women's underwear as well as feminine hygiene products. The items may be donated between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. seven days a week at the agency's Santa Clara thrift store at 201 Division Avenue. ; FOOD for Lane County, our local food bank, has expanded the locations and operating hours for its mobile food pantry. The distribution stops run from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. and are designed for drive-up delivery, so you stay in your vehicle. People arriving on foot will also be served but you need to keep that six-foot spacing for physical distancing. On Tuesdays, the mobile pantry is in Eugene at the NAACP's historic Mims House near 3rd and High, and in the park at the nearby Campbell Center at 155 High Street. On Wednesdays, the mobile pantry visits Cottage Grove and handles distribution at the Cottage Grove Community Center on East Gibbs Avenue. The pantry is in Springfield on Thursdays. Outside Willamalane's Bob Keefer Sports Complex off South 32nd Street. The mobile pantry wraps up its distribution weeks in Oakridge with a stop at Oakridge High School. Again, those distributions in each community are from 4:40 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. With expanded demand to feed the hungry, including the newly unemployed, there's also a need for increased donations. Are you able to help out? If so, go to the organization's website at www.foodforlanecounty.org Cash donations are preferred but if you have the ability to donate large amounts of food, call ahead to arrange a safe way to get it to the food bank. ; In the meantime, a reminder from Oregon's leaders that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (often referred to as SNAP or food stamps) remains the state's first line of defense against hunger. Recent state and federal actions eliminated many restrictions on SNAP eligibility and expands coverage. Application information and additional resources are available through the Oregon Department of Human Services. Go to www.oregon.gov and click on the coronavirus link at the top of the page to see a range of state resources. ; Another coronavirus-related postponement for Eugene's Saturday Market. Coordinators of the weekly outdoor event on downtown Eugene's Park Blocks say they've pushed back opening weekend to May 23. The Saturday Market normally runs April through November. ; A flattening of the number of coronavirus cases in Oregon should persist until at least mid-May if stay-at-home orders are followed. But top officials say modeling beyond then is uncertain and it's too soon to tell when the restrictions can be relaxed. Gov. Kate Brown said the state will be strapped for money because of the massive numbers of layoffs and furloughs the stay-home order has caused. She said she is focused on keeping people in their homes through paying rent and mortgage, ensuring that people get adequate food and have access to health care. / SPORTS: One of the most decorated players in women's college basketball, Oregon's Sabrina Ionescu, is about to go pro with the WNBA draft coming up Friday. She's widely expected to be selected No. 1 by the New York Liberty. Oregon teammates Satou Sabally and Ruthy Hebard could also be top 10 picks. Ionescu is also being courted by shoe companies for what could be an unprecedented endorsement deal. On top of it all, she's finishing her master's degree, fittingly in advertising and brand responsibility. Ionescu said Oregon has prepared her to understand how much impact she can have in the community and on women's basketball. She knows it will be a learning process. On a video call with reporters Tuesday, Ionescu spoke about how she'll miss the usual pomp and circumstance that comes with being selected first in the draft, but said she'll watch the team selections proceedings at home with her family in Walnut Creek, California, as player selections are announced live on ESPN. Ionescu, who won AP All-American honors three times, shattered the NCAA career triple-double mark (for both men and women) with 26 and became the first player in college history to have 2,000 points, 1,000

rebounds and 1,000 assists. She helped the Ducks win the Pac-12 regular-season and tournament titles as a senior this season while averaging 17.5 points, 9.1 assists and 8.6 rebounds. She was named the conference's most outstanding player of the tournament and of the regular season. The 5-foot-11 guard was also named AP Player of the Year and won the Wooden Award, the Naismith Trophy and Wade Trophy. The Ducks finished 31-2 this season, which ended prematurely with the cancellation of the NCAA Tournament because of the pandemic. They were ranked No. 2 in the final AP Top 25. Although Ionescu returned for her senior year in hopes of winning a national title, she said she has no regrets. She says returning to Oregon for her final season was one of the best decisions of her life and that she "wouldn't have wanted to be anywhere else besides there." / CRIME: The Junction City Police are asking for the public's help in locating a Wanted suspect. Here's the news release: On April 12th at about 7:34 PM an alert citizen reported a suspicious male subject in the area of 2nd and Greenwood Street. The citizen stated the subject was acting very strange and had offered to buy the clothing some nearby children were wearing. The subject was barefoot and requested the citizen retrieve the ignition key and a cell phone from his semi-truck that was parked nearby. It was later determined the truck had been stolen from Seattle, Washington just two days earlier on April 10th while the driver was getting fuel. Officers found the suspect while searching the complainant's yard, but the suspect escaped when he fled from officers, and was never located. Further investigation determined that the cell phone retrieved by the complainant had been stolen from a second victim sometime prior to the truck theft. Junction City dispatchers and police officers were able to positively identify the suspect in this case after conducting extensive research, which included contacting multiple police agencies in both Oregon and Washington. The suspect is identified as 50-year-old Mark G. Kloppel who is described as a white male, 5'10" tall, 200 pounds, with short brown hair, and blue eyes. Kloppel has a neatly trimmed mustache and goatee and has several days' growth of beard. Koppel wears light colored metal framed glasses and was last seen wearing a neutral-toned jacket or a long-sleeve shirt with a hood. Koppel is known to frequently wear orange-colored traffic safety vests. Anyone with information on other incidents in which Koppel has been involved and/or knows of his whereabouts is requested to contact the Junction City Police Department at 541-998-1245. / ENVIRONMENT: If you're up and near a window tomorrow morning and the sky is clear, take a look to the southeast for a celestial show: The planets Jupiter, Saturn and Mars are clustered close to the moon again tomorrow morning. According to NASA, the best viewing times are between 4 and 5 a.m., so you might want to set your alarm a bit earlier tomorrow. The planets should remain visible until morning twilight begins at around 5:15 a.m. Later this year, on December 21, Space.com says stargazers will have another treat—weather permitting. Jupiter and Saturn will come within one-tenth of one degree of each other, the closest they have appeared together since the year 1623. /

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yesterday announced one new positive test for the coronavirus, bringing the local
total to 45 since the outbreak began. The most recent case is a woman in her 50s
who is recovering at the home in the Eugene-Springfield area. Health
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cluster in another county. Five patients remain hospitalized. Twenty-three are
resting at home. One person died more than four weeks ago. But 16 Lane County
patients have recovered. Public health officials say that's significant: Not only
does the total represent more than one-third of all local patients, but the number
is three times larger than the number of people who are hospitalized. And they
say that as the number of recovered patients grows each day, the number of
people being added to the "recovery list" is starting to outpace the daily number of
new cases. That might not always happen, but county health officials say it is a
very encouraging sign. Additionally, county public health officials say more than
16-hundred people have been tested, a number that's expected to climb
significantly during the next couple of weeks as more expanded testing comes
online. ; The Oregon Health Authority announced 33 new positive tests for the
coronavirus yesterday morning and three additional deaths. That brings the total
number of cases statewide to 1,663, and the total number of deaths to 58. The
patients whose deaths were reported in the past 24 hours include a 92-year-old
Multnomah County woman, an 84-year-old Multnomah County woman, and an
82-year-old Marion County man. All three had underlying medical conditions. ;
New state data indicates that more than half of Oregon's 58 deaths from COVID-
19 are linked to senior care homes. They're connected to outbreaks in 13 nursing,
assisted living and independent living homes in six counties. ; A Douglas County
nurse hospitalized with COVID-19 has received an experimental treatment using
donated plasma that contains antibodies from a recently recovered patient. His
wife hopes that will save Jose Jimenez' life. He's been on a ventilator and in a
medically induced coma after being transferred on Monday to a Portland
hospital's intensive-care unit. Holly Jimenez, who is also a nurse, told KOIN-TV
that the search for a plasma donor was complicated by her husband's less-
common AB Positive blood type. But they found a match on Wednesday and she
says Jose had a day of steady improvement with his vital signs and lab results.
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provided McKenzie-Willamette with a testing machine as well as an array of instruments, scientific equipment—along with expertise in setting up a testing lab at the Springfield facility. McKenzie-Willamette officials hope to eventually begin conducting up to 200 tests a day. A physician's order will be needed for any tests and patients would be screened to determine whether they are showing symptoms of COVID-19 and qualify for the tests. University of Oregon officials say planning for the testing program began in early March, when the campus procurement office ordered a testing instrument known as the "Applied Biosystems 7500 Fast Dx Real-Time PCR" from ThermoFisher. The equipment is now in short supply nationwide. A second automated extraction RNA instrument known as the "KingFisher" is due to arrive later in April and will further increase testing capacity. Additionally, the U-of-O is providing biosafety cabinets, microcentrifuges, pipetting machines required for the specialized testing and nasal swabs required for specimen collection. ; Some University of Oregon alumni joined forced earlier this month to acquire surgical masks for the campus Health Center. The donation, which arrived April 9, was coordinated through an alumni WhatsApp group. The shipments include 20,000 surgical masks and 1,000 N95 masks. The alumni are located in the U.S., New Zealand, Singapore, Indonesia and China. The U-of-O's Health Center is remaining open as an essential service as more than 1,000 students remain in town. Many are from other countries and because of travel restrictions have been unable to return home. The health center currently serves more than 50 to 100 students a day. Officials say the donations not only protect staff, but mean if a student comes to the clinic with mild respiratory issues, they can return to their residence with a small supply of masks to help prevent the spread of any illness. If demand eases, the U-of-O's Health Center will share any surplus with its community health care partners. Earlier, the university as a whole made a large donation of thousands of masks, medical supplies and personal protective equipment to local agencies. ; White Bird Clinic, part of Eugene-Springfield's safety net for more than 50 years, continues to offer healthcare and supportive services for many our community's most vulnerable members. Current Crisis Programs and Services Available to the Community: Crisis Services: Continuing to operate 24/7 by phone, providing free information & referral, support, and crisis counseling. CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets): Continuing to operate 24/7 currently for an in-person response to non-criminal situations including substance abuse, mental / emotional crisis, welfare checks, and dispute facilitation. Providing back up support to caregivers at sanctioned encampments, and de-escalation training and support to shelters. HOOTS (Helping Out Our Teens in Schools): Offering mental health support by phone for students, families, and staff of high schools in the 4J, Springfield, Bethel, Oakridge and South Lane school districts from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Video support is available from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on weekdays. ; As the pandemic continues, Lane County Public Health has been working with Centro Latino Americano and various other Spanish-speaking groups in the community to try to make sure people have the resources they need. Officials say Centro surveyed a number of people within the Spanish-language community to try to find out what it is that people are concerned about. The survey revealed that there are significant language barriers and that people are really concerned about some of the most basic things: like food and employment status, and that they are not necessarily feeling supported and not getting the information they need. So Lane County Public Health has stepped up its effort, working with Centro and other groups to get those resources out in the languages that are needed. ; As health centers nationwide continue to struggle with limited testing for the coronavirus, the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Oregon State University is teaming up with the private Corvallis-based WVT Laboratory to expand testing for medical providers in Oregon and beyond. Coordinators say the collaboration will be able to run at least 500 tests a

day. The Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Lab has the instruments and technical knowledge to run RNA extractions and virus detection on COVID-19 test swabs, but is federally accredited to conduct tests with animal samples, not human samples. WVT's lab normally processes drug tests and has the necessary accreditation, lab infrastructure and experience working with human samples, but lacks the instruments and viral extraction expertise. But by working together, they can provide the human testing that's so desperately needed right now. WVT has leased two instruments from the OSU veterinary lab and hopes to be up and running by the end of the week. OSU staff will extract viral genetic material from the COVID-19 test swabs and then complete the process at WVT by running polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assays to determine which samples test positive for the virus. They also will train WVT staff to do the assays. Those involved in the effort predict that when running at full capacity, WVT will be able to complete up to 100 tests per hour per machine. The connection between OSU and WVT came at an opportune time for both: The veterinary diagnostic lab had hit a wall in its pursuit of accreditation to run human samples. And WVT's normal business of testing urine samples for the presence of drugs and alcohol for the Department of Human Services disappeared amid the COVID-19 pandemic and stay-home order. Medical providers will be able to submit requests and send in samples for COVID-19 testing in the same way they send requests for routine bloodwork. And because WVT is a national lab, it will accept samples from anywhere in the country, though coordinators want to prioritize local testing needs first.

How do you know if the care you need is considered non-urgent? Health care facilities face an enormous challenge in providing safe care to patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is why all elective and non-urgent health care procedures that require personal protective equipment (PPE) have been cancelled in Oregon and cannot be rescheduled any earlier than June 15. A procedure is exempt from the cancellation requirement if delay would put the patient at risk of irreversible harm. Risks of irreversible harm include, but are not limited to: Threat to the patient's life; Threat of irreversible harm to the patient's physical or mental health; Threat of permanent dysfunction of an extremity or organ; Risk of cancer metastasis or progression of staging; and Risk of rapidly worsening condition (the need for the procedure is time-sensitive). Additional guidance about Elective and Non-Urgent Health Care Procedures is located on the Oregon Health Authority's website.

Looking for resources to support your child's distance learning? It's a significant transition for students, families and educators. Oregon Department of Education officials say they know everyone's trying to adjust to this new situation and they encourage you to be patient with yourself and your family. The department has created a guide for online learning. It includes recommendations for incorporating learning into your new daily life. One tip is to spark simple conversation: Support your child's thinking with questions. Open-ended questions will stimulate more conversation than questions that can be answered with a yes or no. Whenever possible, refrain from judging your child's thinking by asking them to clarify or justify. And remember, even boredom has value — it can spark creativity and problem-solving. A few other suggestions include: Read an article or view a documentary together and ask questions like "What do you notice?" or "What do you wonder?" Use books, images or online resources to spark deeper conversations. And ask about and share feelings with family members about recent changes in routine. Find more suggestions on maintaining routines, learning in everyday life and more in the a guide for online learning and on ODE's Distance Learning for All website.

The Howard Buford Recreation Area at Mt. Pisgah (say: PIHZ'-guh) is one of Lane County's most popular parks and visitors continue to hike its trails for exercise and fresh air during the COVID-19 pandemic. For safety and to encourage physical distancing, Lane County Parks is encouraging park visitors to use the North Trailhead Parking Area if the Main Summit Trailhead and East Trailhead

parking areas are crowded. If all three parking areas are crowded, they say it's best to come back at a different time. A few things to keep in mind if you plan to head to a park: Keep your distance. Pace yourself so that you can maintain at least 6 feet (ideally more) of physical distance between yourself and other hikers. Be polite and take turns at narrow or busy spots. Parks are not a place to gather right now. Getting outside to exercise and experience the outdoors is important to our physical and mental health, but it is not okay to meet friends or gather in groups to hike together right now. Stick to members of your own household and keep your distance from everyone else. Vary your times. Consider visiting or walking/hiking at non-peak times to reduce your likelihood of encountering crowds. Please keep your dogs on leashes at all times. Some parks, Howard Buford Recreation Area (Mt. Pisgah) included, do have off-leash trails or areas for dogs. But please consider keeping your pet leashed right now to better maintain physical distance. Fido might be friendly, but if you have to separate him from another hiker's dog or from other hikers that means you're not keeping appropriate physical distance. Park safely. Do not park your vehicle alongside roads to access Lane County parks – it creates a safety hazard for you, for other drivers and for road users. ; The Eugene Emeralds, Kendall Auto Group and Heritage Distilling Company have created "Cards from the Heart." The program allows community members to create "thank you" cards and notes of encouragement for essential workers, including those who are at hospitals, grocery stores and other key workplaces. Coordinators are encouraging residents, students and others to create cards and notes of encouragement. They may be dropped off at the "Stuff the Truck" Drive at Heritage Distilling Company, located at 110 Madison Street in Eugene, on Friday, April 17 between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. In addition to collecting the Cards from the Heart, organizers are collecting non-perishable food, restaurant and grocery gift cards, household cleaning supplies, and new (unused) PPE for the families and health care providers staying at the Heartfelt House (in association with Ronald McDonald House Charities). ; The City of Eugene's Cultural Services program is transforming its National Dance Week events into an online celebration of dance from April 18-24. Inspiring performances, workshops and community participation are being redesigned to lift spirits and highlight hope. The free virtual celebration for all ages may be experienced through the City of Eugene Cultural Services' Facebook and Instagram pages and on the web. Activities include: Performances by local and national artists; Instructive dance class videos created by local and national studios and artists; Community submitted dance videos; Dancers have created performances that highlight how creativity can help us navigate tough times and overcome physical distancing. Community members are also invited to contribute to National Dance Week by uploading their own dance videos using #NDWeugene on Facebook and Instagram. National Dance Week was first founded in 1981 when a group of dance-related organizations began a grassroots movement to bring greater recognition to dance in the United States. National Dance Week celebrations occur throughout the nation. ; The ranks of Americans thrown out of work by the coronavirus ballooned this morning as the Labor Department announced another 5.2 million people filed for initial unemployment benefits. Close to 22 million workers have lost their jobs in just four weeks, an unprecedented collapse fueling widening protests and fueling President Trump's efforts to relax the nation's social distancing guidelines. The U.S. Treasury began issuing one-time payments this week to tens of millions of people as part of its \$2.2 trillion coronavirus relief package. But another part of the relief package, a \$350 billion paycheck protection program aimed at small businesses, is running dry after being open for only a matter of days. Negotiations were accelerating yesterday in Washington, D.C., over a \$250 billion emergency request to shore up the fund and ensure smaller businesses have equal access to lenders as many of the larger companies with established relationships to commercial

bankers and loan writers. ; Oregon U.S. Senator Ron Wyden is co-sponsoring legislation that would provide \$250 billion in federal stabilization funds for smaller and mid-sized communities across the country who've seen their budgets gutted by the pandemic. If approved, the money would go to state and local governments that serve populations of fewer than 500,000 people. Those jurisdictions were not included as top priorities in the recently passed Congressional stimulus package. Lane County's population is slightly more than 375,000. Many communities say they're dealing with big costs for expanded emergency operations, the creation of public health announcements and the expansion of telework services. ; Weekday traffic on all four major interstates in the Portland area is down 46 percent from levels last year, according to a report compiled by the Oregon Department of Transportation. But the Oregonian and OregonLive report the significant traffic declines are leading some drivers to floor it and blow through highway and freeway speed limits. Transportation officials say on March 1, before the infection rate began accelerating, promoting the state's "Stay Home" orders, average rush hour speeds in on Portland freeways were 33 miles per hour. Now, they're up to 60 miles per hour. ; New research conducted in the Portland area indicates school students' academic progress is stalling during prolonged school shutdown. The study from the Northwest Evaluation Association concludes that, compared to how much they would have learned in a normal school year, elementary and middle school students are likely to start classes in the fall with only about 70 percent of normal reading and writing skills and only about half the skills they should have for math. Officials with the Oregon Department of Education say there are ways schools can help reduce the academic slide. They suggest districts look at offering summer catch-up sessions, start the next school year early, and test students shortly after fall term classes begin to give teachers a better sense of how to structure curriculum. ; School administrators across America are trying to re-imagine classrooms — and the prospect of reopening schools — in the era of social distancing. Will there be staggered start times? Will students be asked to wear face coverings? Will class sizes be cut in half? What about school assemblies and sports and school buses and lunchtime? With the majority of schools nationwide shut down, educators are scrambling to plan for the future after a chaotic few weeks that, for many districts, included closing all schools, deciding whether to waive assessment tests and whether and how to do distance learning. Next comes the important question of when schools can safely re-open. The biggest challenge for schools is how to continue physical distancing among children and adults to ensure that students are not going to school, getting infected, then returning home and spreading the virus. That could mean requiring schools to stagger schedules, with some students arriving in the morning and the rest in the afternoon. Officials will be rethinking gym class, recess, school assemblies and all scenarios where students gather in large groups. Across the U.S., state officials, educators and teachers' unions will discuss those ideas and other possibilities for safe schooling in the coming weeks and months. Everything is being considered, from masks and gloves to cutting class sizes and adding portable classrooms. Officials also are weighing the virus's impact on how school buildings and buses are cleaned, how to protect custodial staff, how food is prepared and how health care is delivered. Issues of equity include how to measure what students are learning and how to help those who have fallen behind. Education funding cutbacks have already led to teacher shortages in many states and reduced the number of school nurses. And space is at a premium, as school official across the country warn they can't build new classrooms overnight or hire all the teachers they'd need if class sizes are halved. Some school districts are considering whether to extend virtual learning into the fall or possibly figure out a rotation mixing online learning and classroom education. ; A home version of the SAT college entrance exam is being prepared in case schools remain closed into the fall. Officials with College

Board, which produces the exam, made the announcement Wednesday as they announced the cancellation of June testing. Instead of a paper-and-pencil test given under proctors' supervision, the home version would be digital and rely on "remote proctoring." That could include using the computer's camera and microphone to monitor movement or talking, College Board President Jeremy Singer said on a conference call with reporters. If it's safe, the College Board will resume and expand in-person SAT testing in August, with Saturday sessions offered once a month through December, officials said. Students who had planned to take the SAT for free in school this spring can instead take it in the fall. The rival ACT also will launch an at-home option in late fall or early winter, the exam's administrators said Wednesday. The not-for-profit College Board earlier announced plans to offer Advanced Placement final exams at home for high school students whose schools will remain closed through the May testing dates. The College Board has offered to help students and schools secure devices and internet access if needed. Coronavirus-related school closures forced the cancellation of spring testing for about 1 million first-time SAT test-takers, the majority of them high school juniors planning to enter college in 2021, College Board officials said. The national June 6 session is the latest to be canceled. The three-hour, multiple choice test measures math and English language arts proficiency. The ACT also has a science component. Most colleges require SAT or ACT exam scores as part of the application process, though an increasing number of institutions in Oregon and elsewhere have made them optional in recent months and years. Part of that is an effort to be more inclusive of students without access to the private test-preparation available to their wealthier peers. Others have made the change as the pandemic short-circuits many high school students' spring terms. ; Federal health officials are under increasing pressure to start publicly tracking coronavirus infections and deaths in nursing homes. It comes amid criticism they have not been transparent about the scope of outbreaks across the country that have already claimed thousands of lives. Experts say publicizing outbreaks as they happen would not only alert nearby communities and anguished relatives but help officials see where to focus testing and other safety measures. Such an action by the agencies that oversee the nation's 15,000 nursing homes is seen as long overdue, coming more than a month after a nursing home in Washington state became the first COVID-19 hot spot in the U.S. with an outbreak that ultimately killed 43 people. Since then, there has been a near-daily drumbeat of new cases that in some instances has forced entire homes to be evacuated. Oregon has been transparent about its outbreaks at skilled nursing and long-term care facilities, but that is not the case in some other states. That lack of PPE and mandatory testing for residents and staff are among the gaps experts say have allowed deaths to continue mounting at nursing homes, despite federal officials ordering them in mid-March to ban visitors, stop group activities and screen workers for respiratory symptoms on every shift. An AP report earlier this month found that infections were continuing to find their way into nursing homes because such screenings didn't catch people who were infected but asymptomatic. Several large outbreaks were blamed on such spreaders, including infected health workers who worked at several different nursing home facilities. ; Roger Brubaker, Lane County Public Health's Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Promotion Coordinator, spoke at Wednesday's county media briefing. He shared a lot of good thoughts that might make useful talking points in the coming days and weeks. I've included a modified transcript of what he said: Trauma and distress are public health issues and—much like the curve of COVID-19 infections—together we can flatten our community "Trauma Curve." Roger Brubaker says deeply disturbing events overwhelm our ability to cope and can cause feelings of helplessness and diminish our sense of self. It's often times explained as "too much, too fast." Some people describe it as a shock that just doesn't go away. If you don't feel like yourself right now, it may be the

effects of trauma. This collective trauma is and will continue to be felt in a variety of ways as members of our community experience the loss of loved ones, fear for their safety and the safety of their families, go through economic hardships, and experience an extreme sense of disconnect from the people they love. We will all feel emotions during this experience in different ways and it's important to be able to name those feelings to ourselves and with others. You may feel sadness, anger, denial, numbness, panic, hopelessness or even a loss of control. Perhaps you've had nightmares, insomnia, and difficulty in your relationships. Trauma also causes physical symptoms such as nausea, a feeling of "brain fog," headaches or stomach complaints. Brubaker says these are all really normal experiences for people when faced with traumas like this. He says he personally has felt many of these symptoms. His message: "I really just want to tell everybody that it's okay if you have this. Many of us have never encountered anything this difficult in our lives. We are experiencing new feelings or an emotional intensity that we never felt before. This isn't a sign of weakness. These are simply signs of being human and that we're living in extraordinary times. We are grieving for what has been lost and anxious about the future." Brubaker says the lack of certainty can feel absolutely maddening and overwhelming because we lack control over so much right now. He says when we feel helpless, it's normal to find try to find ways to re-establish a sense of control. If you have a project or an activity that makes you feel better, that's great. Keep it up. But don't place another burden on yourself to accomplish something you don't actually have to accomplish right now. You don't have to do all the things you said you would before the pandemic. You don't have to find meaning in this experience right now. All you need to do is keep yourself and your loved ones and the community safe. That IS within the scope of your control and it makes a difference. One practice that many people find helpful to manage their emotions is the practice known as "mindfulness." Mindfulness helps many people see the things around them more clearly and understand the things going on inside them. It helps you understand how your thoughts develop, why they develop, and how to experience the present moment with far less distress. Ultimately, the goal is to realize that we're responding the way we are because we're feeling emotional pain. Brubaker says mindfulness techniques can make it easier to cope. One other thing Brubaker emphasizes is how important it is to socially connect despite our physical isolation. He reminds us: We are social animals. Human-to-human connection is critical to our health. Lane County Mental Health experts encourage you to connect with the people you care about through a phone call, video chat, email, text, even an old-fashioned card or letter. It can be as simple as saying to someone, "I need someone to talk to. Can you help me?" Even more importantly, reach out to those you might be concerned about who are not reaching out themselves. It can be as simple as asking someone, "How are you holding up? What can I do to support you today?" Roger Brubaker adds that people with an existing mental health or addiction problem might be particularly impacted right now and we need to be sensitive to their needs. If you or someone you're concerned about is in need of clinical behavioral health care services, make sure they know that tele-mental health services are effective and available through variety of Behavioral Healthcare Providers. Most providers are still accepting patients and are still available to offer remote services, meaning that you can participate in mental health counseling from home using your computer or phone. Brubaker says he's doing that himself, adding that the transition to video consultations took some getting used to but he's more comfortable with it now and it's really helping him get through the week. He adds that other things people might find helpful are: Maintaining a schedule. Routines provide a basic level of certainty in uncertain times and can help keep is calm and regulated. Make sure you're getting your normal hours of sleep if not more sleep in your schedule, to allow yourself time to recuperate. Express your feelings by exercising and moving your body if you're able. The mind and the body are linked.

A healthy mind supports a healthy body and vice versa. Practice “intentional breathing.” Just concentrate on your breath and how it feels to breathe. No need for anything more radical than that. Try to limit your screen time. Sure, checking with the news a couple times a day if you feel the need. But try not to keep it on all the time. Many people may increase their drug or alcohol use during this time. Try to limit this increase. If you feel like it's getting out of hand, connect with an addictions treatment provider who can provide tele-mental health services. Or join a virtual support group. Brubaker says Lane County has an incredible tradition of addiction support groups and many have of them have already transitioned online. He says many people find it helpful to express gratitude for the things they have in their lives. Thank healthcare, grocery and other essential workers. Focus on the good in the world, from people donating to local organizations to adults and kids leaving inspiration chalk messages on driveways and sidewalks. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINES, ECONOMY, GOVERNMENT, LOW-INCOME, FAMILIES, ELDERS: Lane County announced one new positive test for the coronavirus yesterday, bringing the total since the outbreak began locally to 46. The newest case is a woman in her 50s who lives in a private residence in Eugene-Springfield and is medically stable at home. She contracted the virus from someone in her own household who was previously diagnosed. Of Lane County's 46 positive tests, officials say 18 patients have recovered; five remain hospitalized; 22 are resting at home; and one person died close to five weeks ago. Eighty percent of Lane County's patients have not needed to be hospitalized, which is in line with data from elsewhere across the globe. And Lane County Public Health officials say the rate of infection continues to appear to slow, largely because of the state's "Stay Home" orders. ; The Oregon Health Authority yesterday announced six more deaths from COVID-19, raising the state's death toll to 64. Officials also said the number of statewide cases increased by 73 to 1,736. The newly reported deaths include four men between the ages of 56 and 82 in Multnomah County, a 74-year-old woman in Benton County and a 92-year-old man in Marion County. All had underlying health conditions. Across the state, 307 patients who have tested positive or have symptoms of COVID-19 remain hospitalized. Eighty-nine of those are in intensive-care units. Forty-three are on ventilators. ; Two more residents of the Oregon Veterans Home in Lebanon have died, bringing the total number of deaths at the facility to six, according to the state Department of Veterans' Affairs. State officials said in separate posts on the nursing home's Facebook page that one resident died Wednesday, and the other on Thursday. That brings the death toll at the facility to six. The Veterans Home was the site of the first known COVID-19 outbreak at an Oregon long-term care facility, where at least 21 people fell ill. The Oregon Health Authority says 64 people have died statewide after being infected with the coronavirus. More than half of those patients were residents of long-term care homes and skilled-nursing facilities. ; More than one in seven Oregon workers have lost their jobs during the past four weeks. And analysts warn our state's unemployment rate could surge from what was a record-low 3.3 percent before the pandemic hit to 15 percent or higher for the month of April. It comes after another 53,800 people applied for state unemployment benefits last week. Officials with the Employment Department say that after better data led to a downward adjustment of numbers from the previous three weeks, a total 296,000 Oregonians have applied for jobless benefits in the past month. Lane County's filings accounted for 4,600 of last week's total. The hardest-hit sectors remain Leisure and Hospitality; Healthcare and Social Assistance; and Trade, Transportation and Utilities, which includes wholesale and retail businesses. But all sectors of Oregon's economy have been affected, including companies large and small. ; Also Thursday, Gov.

Kate Brown said Oregon will waive the one-week waiting period before newly laid off workers are eligible for jobless benefits, reversing the state's policy on the issue. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports the change could provide over \$100 million in additional benefits to Oregonians who have lost their jobs amid the pandemic. But Employment Department officials say the agency's outdated computer system could take a while to reprogram to compute and distribute the added benefits. They are not projecting when they might begin arriving. ; Another 53,800 Oregonian filed applications for initial unemployment benefits last week. Officials with the Oregon Employment Department say that is in addition to a revised total of 243,000 initial claims filed during the prior three weeks. That means in the past month, 296,000 Oregonians have sought jobless benefits. Again last week, workers in the leisure and hospitality sector, which includes hotels and restaurants, filed the greatest number of initial claims for unemployment benefits. Since mid-March across Oregon, there have been close to 53,000 initial claims filed that sector alone. Other areas that have taken a big hit are Health Care and Social Assistance. The more than 25,000 job losses in that sector during the past four weeks came as the state ordered the cancellation or postponement of non-emergency medical, dental, and other procedures. Workers in the wholesale and retail trade sectors submitted 19,700 benefits filings during the past four weeks. Last week alone, Lane County residents filed 4,600 new jobless benefits claims. Oregon Employment Department officials say that between April 5 and April 11, they paid out more than \$97 million in benefits paid as they worked to process a staggering backlog of claims. Some jobless workers began receiving an extra \$600 per week authorized by Congress in that massive stimulus legislation. But the state's outdated computer system used to accept and process claims remains a bottleneck. Programmers are trying to update the software to handle new filings by self-employed, contract workers, and gig workers who were not previously eligible to receive unemployment benefits. They are also working to eliminate Oregon's "waiting week" for unemployment claims. But they warn that updating the 1990s-era computer system could require thousands of hours of programming and would delay processing many already-delayed jobless benefits applications. To file an online claim for unemployment benefits, go to www.oregon.gov/employ or call 1-877-FILE-4-UI. For help finding jobs and training resources, contact your local WorkSource Oregon center or go to WorkSourceOregon.org ; Governor Kate Brown says Oregon will waive the one-week waiting period before newly laid off workers are eligible for jobless benefits, reversing the state's policy on the issue. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the switch could provide more than \$100 million in additional benefits to Oregonians who have lost their jobs to the coronavirus outbreak. Reporter Mike Rogoway quotes officials in the governor's office who said the change will apply retroactively to workers who have already filed for benefits. The coronavirus rescue package approved late last month by Congress included funding to eliminate the waiting week. But officials with Oregon's Employment Department say the state's 1990-era computer system used to process jobless claims made it difficult to program the change. Officials are not certain when the retroactive payments will be available. Managers say many initial jobless benefits claims have gone through automatically, and the state issued \$97 million in benefits last week alone. But thousands of other workers have not received their benefits because the state's computers erroneously denied their claims. The Oregonian and OregonLive report programmers also are struggling to update the system to include some of the Congressionally mandated changes, including payments to thousands of newly eligible Oregonians, including contractors and self-employed workers. Employment Department managers say those out-of-work Oregonians will eventually receive their money but has not set a timetable for when its computers will be able to process those claims. ; Millions of Americans are among the first wave of recipients of those Economic Impact Payments from the U.S.

Government. Once you get the money, what's the best way to use it? Members of the Northwest Credit Union Association have some suggestions: Prioritize! Focus on the things that keep a roof over your head, feed the family, and keep the utilities and Internet on. In fact, your local utility companies and communications providers may be waiving some fees to help you at this time. Talk. If you or a member of your family has lost a job, contact your credit union. Talk about your financial needs and find out what services are available to help you. As not-for-profit cooperatives, credit unions are providing options to members such as low-to-no interest emergency loans, and the ability to skip mortgage and car payments for as long as 90 days. Save. If you're getting a stimulus check, try to save a little. Putting away \$100 to \$200 now will help you when bills come due later in the month or in the coming months. Don't hoard cash. Your money is safer on deposit in your credit union than in your pocket. If your money is lost or stolen it can't be replaced, but accounts in federally insured credit unions are guaranteed, up to \$250,000. Protect your money. The scammers know millions of Americans are getting stimulus checks. Be on guard for suspicious emails, texts or phone calls asking for your personal information. Pay taxes. The deadline for filing and paying your 2019 taxes has been extended to July 15. Your stimulus check might help to pay that bill. Support. Some of your local restaurants are able to stay in business by offering take-out food. Use a little bit of your stimulus check to pick up dinner for the family or buy a gift certificate to use when dining rooms are open again. The first round of stimulus checks is going to more than 50 million consumers who have direct deposit information on file with the Internal Revenue Service or with the Social Security Administration. In the coming months, other consumers may receive paper checks in the mail. Want to get your money faster? Go to irs.gov to enter your direct deposit information. ; Oregon's U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden say the state will receive \$38.6 million in Child Care and Development Block Grant funding to help support families' childcare needs and pay childcare providers during the pandemic. It is part of the massive federal stimulus package approved late last month. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security—or "CARES"—Act funding allows Oregon to increase income limits for applicants, allowing more essential workers access to childcare. The Oregon Department of Human Services also has waived copayments for all families participating in the program. The funds will also provide financial support to childcare centers that are closed during the pandemic so they may serve their communities once more parents return to work. ; April is National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. But amid concerns that the pandemic and economic disruption is fueling an increase in abuse cases, the State of Oregon and local agencies are stepping up. In Lane County, the Relief Nursery continues to meet the needs of families and work to prevent child abuse and neglect. Leaders of the non-profit say many of the families they serve are impacted by layoffs and closures due to COVID-19. These are often families who were already working to overcome extreme obstacles like poverty, homelessness, and domestic abuse. The Relief Nursery is: Distributing and delivering more than 150 food boxes each week. Providing access to emergency funds so its clients can stay current on their rent, utility payments and car loans. Relief Nursery teachers and home visitors are checking in with families via FaceTime, and delivering activity kits, care packages and diapers. The agency also is providing virtual counseling sessions in both English and Spanish to families. The Relief Nursery recently launched a private YouTube channel to help support parents and provide educational activities for children. The non-profit's Accessing Success team is helping clients maintain their recovery from addiction, in some cases offering virtual "12-step" meetings. And the Relief Nursery's Navigator Team is assisting recently laid-off parents with access to computers, even helping them create resumes. In one week, on Saturday, April 25, the Relief Nursery is holding its annual "Main Event" fundraising online. ; Local parks are not the only places that

are crowded these days. Lane County's Glenwood and Florence transfer stations are experiencing record high customer volumes during peak times, resulting in longer-than-normal wait times and crowded conditions. To reduce crowds, Lane County's waste disposal sites have shifted to summer operating hours. This means that the Glenwood site is open on Sundays. The Marcola, Oakridge, Rattlesnake and Vida transfer stations have expanded hours from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Take advantage of these expanded hours. The times to avoid, if possible, are Saturdays and Mondays, mid-morning through the early afternoon. Avoiding those days and times will help staff and users to practice physical distancing and keep everyone healthy. ; State investigators say workers at a Southeast Portland nursing home that has now reported 14 coronavirus deaths failed to wash their hands, got only one mask per shift and were not trained on how to control the spread of infection. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the facility, Healthcare at Foster Creek, has become the site of the largest known cluster of coronavirus cases and deaths in the state, with 50 confirmed cases among residents and staff. The Department of Human Services began a three-day inspection of the nursing home last Friday — the same day 10 Foster Creek residents had died and about two weeks after the nursing home first reported coronavirus cases on its website. Officials on Thursday announced another four deaths at the nursing home. The inspection led to likely the strictest Department of Human Services action against the nursing home to date, in an order signed by the agency Wednesday. Its broad findings were unequivocal. The nursing home "failed to ensure appropriate measures are in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19," the department said in a report summarizing the inspection findings. The failure "presents an immediate risk to the health and safety of all residents." The problems also appear to have endangered staff. Morgen Crumpacker, a licensed practical nurse who last week described the dire conditions at the nursing home to The Oregonian/OregonLive, has since tested positive for COVID-19. Crumpacker said she believes she got sick because she used the same mask for a week and a half. She works in the unit that had more than 20 patients either sick with the disease or showing symptoms. The limit on masks came from the nursing home's top managers, who told her they didn't have more to go around, Crumpacker said. ; The government's paycheck protection loan lending program for small businesses is on hold. The Small Business Administration said Thursday that it reached the \$349 billion lending limit for the program, after approving nearly 1.7 million loans. Thousands of small business owners whose loans have not yet been processed must now wait for Congress to approve a Trump administration request for another \$250 billion for the program. Lawmakers have been haggling over whether to extend the program as it stands now, or whether to add provisions that, among other things, would help minority businesses. It is unclear when they might reach an agreement that would allow loan approvals to continue. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and SBA head Jovita Carranza on Wednesday urged Congress to approve more funds. Meanwhile, thousands of businesses are still applying, hoping to get loans when Congress approves an extension of the program. ; The U.S. government on Thursday reported 5.2 million more Americans applied for unemployment benefits last week. That brings the four-week total to 22 million — easily the worst stretch of U.S. job losses on record. It means that roughly one in seven workers have lost their jobs in that time. Analysts say the ranks of America's unemployed are swelling toward Great Depression-era levels. Meanwhile grim economic data from China, which began reopening offices and factories last month, suggest the world's recovery might be longer and harder than thought. ; Many Americans woke up Wednesday expecting to find a payment of \$1,200 or more from the U.S. government in their bank account, but instead they realized nothing had arrived yet — or the wrong amount was deposited. Parents of young children complained they did not receive

the promised \$500 check for their dependent children. U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has instructed the Internal Revenue Service to get payments out as fast as possible to help offset the pain of losing jobs and shutting down businesses, but numerous glitches — affecting filers who used tax preparers, parents of dependent children and people with 2019 tax returns still to be processed — are delaying payments and causing confusion. Several million people who filed their taxes via H&R Block, TurboTax and other services were unable to get their payments because the IRS did not have their direct deposit information on file, according to the Treasury, companies and experts. The IRS launched a “Get My Payment” tool Wednesday for people to track the status of their payment and enter direct deposit information, but many who used it said they received a message saying “Payment Status Not Available,” a frustration that left them without answers. Some parents told The Washington Post that they received a \$1,200 payment for a single head of household or a \$2,400 check for a married couple but that the IRS left out the \$500-per-child-under-17 payments. IRS and Treasury officials said they are aware of these issues and are working to fix them. A Treasury spokeswoman noted the IRS processed nearly 80 million payments in less than three weeks. That’s just over half the 150 million payments expected to go out under the Economic Impact Payment program. Social Security recipients will automatically receive the payments later this month. Paper checks will have President Trump’s name on them and are expected to start going out next week. Low-income Americans who do not normally file a tax return, including the homeless, are also eligible to receive the \$1,200 check but only if they enter their information in a new non-filers tool at IRS.gov. Customers who use tax preparation services such as H&R Block, TurboTax and Jackson Hewitt complained on Twitter and to The Post that they didn’t get their stimulus payments Wednesday. Up to 21 million tax filers could be affected, said consumer law expert Vijay Raghavan, because the IRS does not have these people’s direct deposit information on file if they received an advance on their tax refund from these companies or had the fee for tax preparation taken out of their tax refund. The reason is that tax preparation companies received these people’s tax refunds first, deducted their fees and then distributed the remaining refunds to the customers. Because of that, the IRS had a “temporary bank account” on file that the tax preparer created for the 2019 tax season, Raghavan said. The IRS is aware of the problem and urges people to input their bank information on the Get My Payment portal, a spokesman said. Frustrated taxpayers also took to Twitter to vent about their inability to track when and how they would be getting their money. Some posted an image of the message they received after entering their information: “Payment Status Not Available.” There are a number of reasons the tool can’t check the status of a stimulus payment, the IRS said. Your payment is based on your status as a Social Security, disability, Veterans Affairs or Railroad Retirement beneficiary. In this case, the IRS will use your SSA or RRB Form 1099 payment information. Your payment information isn’t available on the “Get My Payment” tool. You have not filed a 2018 or 2019 federal tax return. You filed your 2019 return, but it hasn’t been fully processed. You used the non-filers tool, but the information you entered is still being processed. There’s a problem verifying your identity when answering the security questions. Others say they are getting that message even though they do not fall into any of these categories. Information on the site is updated only once a day, so checking more than once in a 24-hour period won’t yield a different result. The IRS says people who qualify for a payment will receive it by mail if they do not get it from direct deposit. Individuals who receive Social Security retirement, survivors or disability (Social Security Disability Insurance) benefits or Railroad Retirement benefits will automatically receive the \$1,200 stimulus payment if they are eligible. The IRS announced it has added to this group Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients. The automatic payments for SSI recipients will go out no later than

early May, according to the agency statement. However, the IRS says if you fall into one of those categories and have children under 17, you have to use the non-filers tool at IRS.gov to claim the \$500 payment per child. You'll need a valid Social Security number or Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number for each of your dependents. People who receive what they believe is an incorrect amount will have an opportunity to let the IRS know. The agency is required to mail a letter to your last known address 15 days after sending your payment. The letter is supposed to explain how the payment was made and provide instructions on how to report any issues. To thwart fraudsters, the IRS tool locks out people who try multiple times a day. This has become a problem for people trying to give the IRS direct deposit information. Others complained about a glitch in the tool that won't allow them to move forward because they neither owed any money to the IRS nor received a refund for 2018 or 2019. Typing in zero didn't work. "I could not give an affirmative answer to any of these questions since I owed no tax and did not receive a refund," one reader wrote. "Submitting the form returned an error so I tried again and answered 'yes' to owing tax and 'zero' to the amount. Error again." "We are aware of the problem and are checking into it," IRS spokesman Eric Smith said. ; Oregon State University scientists will embark on a groundbreaking project in the coming days as they start testing in the greater Corvallis community to determine the prevalence of the virus that causes COVID-19. The unique door-to-door effort is among the first in the nation that will provide an overview of an entire community's COVID-19 wellness, said Ben Dalziel, an assistant professor in OSU's College of Science. The public health study was developed by four OSU colleges in partnership with the Benton County Health Department, and is called Team-based Rapid Assessment of Community-Level Coronavirus Epidemics, or TRACE-COVID for short. The Corvallis study will be completed over four consecutive weekends and will provide important public health information that has been lacking throughout the pandemic. A limited pilot phase of the study in several Corvallis neighborhoods will be conducted Sunday, April 19, to test procedures the study will use in gathering and testing samples. In addition to providing information about the disease in Corvallis, Jeff Bethel, an associate professor in OSU's College of Public Health and Human Sciences, said TRACE-COVID-19 can serve as a model for other cities wishing to detect the spread of the novel coronavirus in their communities in Oregon and nationally. / SPORTS: Oregon star Sabrina Ionescu is the anticipated No. 1 pick in this afternoon's WNBA draft. Ionescu is expected to be the Number One overall pick by the New York Liberty. The Duck guard was the consensus player of the year. Teammate Satou Sabally, a junior who is foregoing her final year of college eligibility, is expected to be selected by Dallas as the No. 2 pick. This would be the third time in the history of the draft that the top two picks came from the same program. Oregon's Ruthy Hebard originally was forecast to be selected in the first round by Seattle, but there's speculation she might wind up on the same team as Ionescu after the New York Liberty made some pre-draft trades in recent days to grab some higher first-round draft picks. ESPN's coverage of the WNBA Draft begins at 4:00 p.m., our time, both on ESPN and the ESPN app. The top draft pick is expected to be announced at 4:25. / ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE: Wildlife officials say a wolf that wandered thousands of miles from Oregon and became the first wild wolf spotted in California in almost 90 years before returning to Oregon and starting a pack is believed to be dead. The wandering wolf, named OR7, leaves behind a pack composed of its mate and three other wolves in the mountains of southern Oregon. The pack that OR7 established is one of 22 that were documented in Oregon's annual wolf report, up from 16 in 2018. The number of wolves spotted in the state during the annual Winter Wolf Count increased 15 percent over last year to 158. Officials with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife say the annual count is based on verified wolf evidence, such as visual observations, tracks, and remote camera photographs. It is considered

the minimum known wolf count, not an estimate of how many wolves are in Oregon. The actual number of wolves in Oregon is likely higher, as biologists note that not all individuals present in the state are located during the winter count. A total of 22 packs were documented during the count, up from 16 packs in 2018. A pack is defined as four or more wolves traveling together in winter. Nine other groups of 2-3 wolves were also identified. Nineteen of Oregon's wolf packs successfully reproduced and had at least two adults and two pups that survived through the end of 2019, making them "breeding pairs," a 27 percent increase over last year's number. There are three confirmed packs in Western Oregon, including the new breeding pair that make up the Indigo Pack in eastern Lane and Douglas Counties. The state's growing wolf population is leading to increased predation on livestock and raising concerns among ranchers—particularly in northeastern Oregon. They tell the Capital Press the number of "confirmed" wolf attacks is nowhere near the actual number, and many producers have simply given up reporting cases of dead or missing livestock after growing frustrated with how the predators are being managed. In 2019, ODFW staff investigated 50 possible cases of wolf-livestock depredation, with 16 incidents confirmed, one "probable," 12 possible or unknown and 21 non-wolf related. Overall, ranchers lost one adult cow, one steer, 11 calves, six sheep and one guard dog to wolves. /

CRIME: Eugene Police say there has been an increase in garage burglaries where the suspect(s) gained entry through open garage doors and unlocked pedestrian entrances. In some cases, the suspect used a tool to gain entry, but in most of the occurrences, entry has been unforced. Once in the garage, burglars have stolen property such as tools, bicycles, and other valuables. The increase in these burglaries has been recorded across the city, and not confined to any specific area. Regardless of where you live, it is important to be aware of potential security risks and take the following steps to protect your home and property: Always keep your garage door closed when not working directly inside. Make sure the pedestrian door and entrance from your garage into your home, is just as secure as your front door. Keep your garage door remote on your person, not in the car. Invest in a keychain remote to make this easier. It is also a good idea to secure bikes inside your garage, as they become a target during the spring and summer seasons. Thieves know that if your car is parked somewhere other than your home, they may have time and opportunity to enter your garage while you are still away. For this reason, ensure that any paperwork inside your vehicle does not return to your home address. Oregon Administrative Rule 735-030-105 allows the registered owner to "black out or otherwise obscure the residence address, business address, mailing address and vehicle address shown on the registration card. No other information on the registration card may be blacked out or otherwise obscured" in certain circumstances. Remove your address from other paperwork you might routinely keep in your glovebox or remove items as appropriate. Contact the Eugene Police community engagement team to schedule a free home security inspection. Visit www.eugenepolice.com for more details and for more prevention tips and information, including home security video tutorials. Neighbors, call police if you see for any behavior that appears suspicious. For emergencies and crimes in progress call 9-1-1. To report suspicious activity or crimes that have already occurred that are not emergencies, please call the non-emergency line at 541-682-5111. /

ENVIRONMENT,

SAFETY: Two wildfires are burning in Douglas County near the towns of Yoncalla and Rice Hill. It underscores how quickly vegetation and debris are starting to dry out during this stretch of sunny weather. According to officials with the Douglas Forest Protective Association, smoke from the first blaze—located five miles east of Rice Hill and Interstate Five, off Elkhead Road—was spotted on previously-logged land at about around three p.m. Thursday. It was initially estimated at five acres but over the next few hours grew to 17 acres. Crews brought in a bulldozer to cut firebreaks and stop the flames' progress. The fire trails were completed by

7:00 p.m. as crews worked to extinguishing smoldering and burning material near the fires edge. Mop up continued overnight. No homes were threatened. The cause is under investigation. Shortly after five p.m., crews were called to a blaze three miles west of Yoncalla, off Hayhurst Road. The first crews on the scene estimated the fire was burning on 40 acres, also on a previously logged unit. Here, too, a bulldozer was used to build fire lines around part of the blaze. But the fire spread to a nearby hillside where it was too steep for the dozer to operate. Crews using hand tools worked overnight to continue creating a fire line. The blaze was estimated at close to 50 acres yesterday evening. Currently, no homes are threatened. The cause is under investigation. The Douglas Forest Protective Association, North Douglas County Fire & EMS, Oakland and Elkton Rural Fire Departments responded to the fire, as well as crews from private timber companies. /

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TRANSPORTATION, FAMILIES, EVENTS, ELECTIONS: Officials with the Oregon Health Authority said yesterday that COVID-19 has claimed two more lives, raising the state's death toll from 72 to 74. The patients were a 64-year-old Benton County man and a 68-year-old Washington County man. Both had other, underlying medical conditions. The Oregon Health Authority on Sunday morning also reported 66 new positive tests for coronavirus infection. That brings the state's total to 1,910 since the outbreak began. Officials say 278 people with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 remain hospitalized across the state, with 66 of those patients in intensive-care units and 37 of them on ventilators. But officials say the state's "Stay Home" orders have helped prevent a surge that threatened to overwhelm hospital capacity. ; Lane County Public Health officials say 48 people have tested positive for the coronavirus since the outbreak began. That includes two new cases announced on Sunday. Those patients are a woman in her 50s and a man in his 20s. Both live in private residences in the Eugene-Springfield area. Both are described as being medically stable and recovering in their homes. Of Lane County's 48 cumulative cases, officials say 19 patients are considered recovered. Only one remains hospitalized after four were released over the weekend. They are among the 27 patients resting at home. One person died at the start of the local outbreak. ; The Trump administration and Congress are nearing an agreement on an aid package of up to \$450 billion to boost a small-business loan program that has run out of money and add funds for hospitals and COVID-19 testing. With small-business owners reeling during a coronavirus outbreak that has shuttered much economic activity, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said on Sunday he was hopeful of a deal that could pass Congress quickly and get the Small Business Administration program back up by midweek. Under the emerging agreement, there would be \$300 billion in additional funding for the small-business payroll program. The government's Paycheck Protection Program for small businesses has been swamped by companies applying for money to cover their workers' pay and reached its appropriations limit on Thursday after approving nearly 1.7 million loans. That left thousands of small businesses in limbo as they sought help. An additional \$50 billion in the evolving deal would go for disaster loans. The SBA loans, based on a company's payroll costs, offer owners forgiveness if they retain workers or rehire those who have been laid off. The law provides for forgiveness for companies in any industry — even businesses like hedge funds and law firms. There's a limit of \$100,000 on the amount of employees' compensation that can be considered when loan forgiveness is calculated. About \$75 billion would go to U.S. hospitals, for those straining under a ballooning coronavirus caseload as well as those struggling to stay financially afloat after suspending elective surgeries

during the pandemic. About \$25 billion would be added for a wider rollout of COVID-19 testing, something states have said is urgently needed. The money for hospitals and testing were priorities sought by congressional Democrats. But additional aid to state and local governments would be left out, Mnuchin said. Democrats have been keen to boost funding to cash-strapped states and local governments whose revenues have cratered, but the issue threatened to provoke fights between large, high-tax states like California and New York and smaller states more typically run by Republicans. Republican Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, who leads the National Governors' Association, said he and other governors believe that aid for state and local government is "desperately needed" but that it might not be an issue worth fighting over for now. ; A committee of Oregon lawmakers are preparing to meet this week in a special remote hearing to approve tens of millions of dollars of aid to those affected by the coronavirus outbreak, including hospitals, renters and workers. It would be part of the roughly \$1.6 billion in state funds officials anticipate they'll spend over the course of the pandemic and does not include any federal stimulus payments that Oregon might receive. Oregon Public Broadcasting quotes top lawmakers in both parties who say they anticipate the Legislature's Emergency Board will allocate tens of millions of dollars this week. Items likely to be up for consideration include help for small businesses and people awaiting unemployment insurance benefits, direct assistance to renters, and enhanced funding for homeless services and domestic violence prevention. The bipartisan Emergency Board has the power to allocate state funds when the Legislature is not in session. For this week's virtual meeting, it has about \$50 million to work with. There is talk among legislative leaders of holding on to about \$20 million to pay for some of this summer's anticipated wildfire battles and any other crises that might develop. ; Another Sunday, another morning of online error messages from the Oregon Employment Department. It was a repeat of the problem on Easter Sunday that prevented tens of thousands of laid-off workers from filing for their weekly benefits. State officials said a few hours later that the problem was fixed. Again. They urged those who had encountered the error to try again online. But the problem once again underscored the challenges facing Oregon's 1990s-era unemployment benefits computer system amid a crush of filings for jobless benefits. As was the case on Easter morning, the state system incorrectly told laid-off workers they had to restart their benefits claims. That alarmed many workers trying to apply for benefits. But by early afternoon, officials with the Oregon Employment Department announced the problem was again resolved. Laid-off workers must file each week they are out of a job to continue receiving benefits. The state employment department is struggling under the crush of benefit applications from the close to 300,000 Oregonians who have lost their jobs during the past month. Oregon's aging computer system frequently denies claims to people who are legally entitled to benefits. And programmers have been unable to adapt the software to process changes in the jobless benefits system that Congress approved last month. For example, the state is still unable to process claims made by the self-employed and so-called "gig workers," even though last month's huge Congressional stimulus package made them eligible for benefits. The state has given no estimate of when it will be able to process their claims. The Oregon Employment Department also has been unable to update its system software to waive the "waiting week" – a period before newly unemployed workers are eligible to start receiving financial benefits. Congress authorized state to waive the waiting period last month but Oregon, unlike other states, has been unable to implement the waiver. Under pressure from Oregon's congressional delegation, Governor Kate Brown said last week the state will eventually waive the waiting period and make it retroactive to workers who already filed claims. But employment department officials say that will require "thousands of hours" of computer programming and gave no estimate of when that will take place. The

state has been planning an overhaul to its outdated employment computer systems since it received federal funding for an upgrade in 2009 but estimates the new computers will not be fully in place until 2025. ; Did you receive your federal Economic Impact Payment by direct deposit last week? Or are you one of those still waiting? While a combined \$150 billion has already landed in Americans' accounts, not all eligible consumers have received their funds yet. Leaders of the Northwest Federal Credit Union Association said over the weekend that the U.S. Treasury set up the process so the first wave of payments was deposited into accounts as early as April 13, with an effective date of April 15. The Treasury processed another wave of payments Friday, but the funding won't likely post to your accounts until later this week, because the effective date set by the Treasury is not until Wednesday, April 22. Officials say the confusion between when payments are issued versus when the funds are actually posted to consumers' accounts is frustrating. But the good news is, the payments are coming. The first waves are being issued to people who have direct deposit information on file with the Internal Revenue Service or Social Security Administration. Other qualified Americans will receive hard copy checks over the next several months. One other piece of advice: If you're expecting an Economic Impact Payment, make sure first to verify that the funds are indeed posted to your account before you attempt to spend the money. ; Dozens of people protesting Oregon's stay-at-home order drove around the state Capitol in Salem on Friday, blaring their horns. The protest was one of several happening across the country this weekend as some conservatives push back against virus-related restrictions meant to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Similar gatherings took place outside Idaho's Capitol on Friday and Washington state's Capitol on Sunday. Similar protests have been held across the country in states including Virginia, Michigan and Texas. Many of the gatherings are organized by members of libertarian, gun-rights and anti-vaccine groups but include the newly unemployed and others. Many of the events include speakers who claim states have deprived residents of their constitutional rights by imposing stay-at-home orders to reduce the spread of the virus and save lives. There was also a smaller gathering Friday in Central Oregon. The Oregonian and OregonLive report about 70 people gathered outside Redmond's City Hall, handshaking, hugging and sharing microphones during their demonstration. The gatherings came as President Trump last week initially praised governors for their response to the pandemic, then one day later issued a series of tweets attacking the protections. Some governors criticized the president's about-face, saying it had potentially deadly implications. One of the organizers of the Salem event says rural areas should be treated differently than more urban locations with more coronavirus cases. ; One Republican state lawmaker has asked the governor to ease restrictions for medical procedures for non-coronavirus patients. That's something Democratic Governor Kate Brown has said will be among the first priorities when cases of the virus begin to ease. Representative Cheri Helt, a moderate Republican from Bend, credited Brown for imposing the stay-at-home order and social distancing rules. But she said in a letter that it is time to, quote, "slowly and carefully begin lifting regulations that have essentially shut down access to health care and medical procedures in Central Oregon for anything unrelated to COVID-19." Becky Hultberg, the CEO of the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems said recently that some hospitals in Oregon have seen revenue decline as much as 60 percent during the past month. The governor said last week she would reopen Oregon's economy and ease restrictions once she sees a declining rate of active virus cases and there is public health data suggesting a return to normal is safe. Brown issued an order for Oregonians to stay home starting March 23 and banned non-essential gatherings and travel. It came after Spring Break crowds descended on the coastal towns and crowded hiking trails, increasing the risk that the virus would spread. ; On Friday, Oregon Governor Kate Brown signed an executive order to

prevent creditors or debt collectors from garnishing federal coronavirus stimulus payments. Brown's order noted in a news release that, "Many Oregonians, through no fault of their own, are struggling to pay their bills, their rent, or even buy essentials like groceries and prescription drugs." The governor added that, quote, "These recovery checks were meant to provide relief, not reward debt collection agencies for preying on Oregonians who have lost their livelihoods due to the COVID-19 pandemic." ; "4/20 Day," the unofficial holiday for celebrating all things cannabis is here. But what was supposed to be a long weekend of festivals and music culminating on April 20—or 4/20, the code for marijuana's high holiday—has instead amid stay-home orders. Leaders of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, or NORML, said it bluntly: "Stay home." In California's Bay Area, where the unofficial holiday originated, San Francisco Mayor London Breed threatened arrests, saying, "We will not tolerate anyone coming to San Francisco for 4/20 this year." Virtual parties and video chats are replacing vast outdoor smoking sessions to mark the rise of legalization and celebrate cannabis culture. For businesses, 4/20 is usually their once-a-year Black Friday, when sales soar. Instead, they are reporting up-and-down buying and pondering an uncertain future. That's despite the onset of stay-at-home orders in March that sent marijuana sales rocketing; some businesses reported single-day records as customers stocked up. In Oregon, cannabis retailers saw a huge spike last month — a 30 percent increase in average sales per retailer compared with March 2019. Sales increases mid-month were even larger. The uncertainty in the market poses the latest challenge for an industry that's expanded in some form to all but a handful of states. Cannabis remains illegal at the federal level, but most banks don't want to do business with pot companies and they are not included in the coronavirus rescue package. ; When did fuel prices drop below \$2.50 per gallon? That's the reaction of a lot of Oregonians who haven't been out much during the past month. According to AAA, the automobile club, the average price for a gallon of regular unleaded in Oregon stands at \$2.48 this morning. That's down six cents from one week ago, 38 cents from one month ago, and 87 cents from this time last year. In Lane County, the average price stands at \$2.38 this morning. It comes as demand continues to plunge and an earlier dispute between Russia and some other OPEC members added to the price drop. ; One of Lane County's biggest spring fundraisers is the Main Event, which benefits the Relief Nursery. It was supposed to take place on Saturday, April 25. And it still will, just online rather than in-person. The fundraiser includes a silent auction that begins on Wednesday. The live auction items go up for real-time bidding on Saturday. Want to take part, help families and reduce child abuse? Go to www.reliefnursery.org for details and to register for bidding. ; This morning, more than 30,000 runners—including some from Lane County—were due at the starting line of the 2020 Boston Marathon, including many from this area. As one writer in The Boston Globe notes, in a typical year, they would sacrifice sleep and rack up blisters, skip social events, dine on protein bars and dream big. But this is no typical year. The pandemic forced the cancellation of the Boston Marathon. Instead of running the grueling 26.2-miles, a route lined with 500,000 cheering spectators, the 30,000 who signed up are marking the day in a quiet, more isolate fashion. Some will log a longer distance on their daily run. Others will crank up their treadmills between helping kids with distance learning or trying to keep their businesses afloat. One participant notes it might be a while before the Boston Marathon returns and people are able to hug at the end. But she encourages everyone to keep putting one foot in front of the other. When it comes to the pandemic, she concludes, "This isn't a sprint; it's a marathon." ; Last month, organizers of the Eugene Marathon announced they were cancelling the 2020 event amid coronavirus concerns. It would have taken place this Sunday. Instead, registered participants in the Marathon, Half Marathon, Eugene 5K and Kids Duck Dash will have the option to roll their registrations over to next year's

event or to the following year, 2022. Coordinators say they know registrants have put many hours and miles into training for the 2020 race. They hope that on Sunday, April 26, you lace up your shoes and go for a run or a walk. Eugene Marathon officials say it won't be the race anyone planned, but it's a good opportunity to "lace up" and move forward. ; Another big local event postpones until 2021. The Oregon Track Club Board of Directors has made the decision to cancel the 2020 Aquafina OTC Butte-to-Butte road race on July 4. The decision came amid public health concerns about the potential spread of COVID-19. The Oregon Track Club's board evaluated the situation with event operator Eclectic Edge Racing and other key partners. Among the additional concerns were fears the event could place an additional strain on critical public safety and health resources. ; Quick update from the Oregon Department of Transportation: Oregon drivers will not be required to remove studded tires until Friday, May 15. The deadline had previously been extended from April 1 to May 1. While studded tires are allowed in Oregon by law from November 1 through March 31, the Oregon Department of Transportation decided to again extend that deadline in response to the continuing public health emergency of COVID-19. ODOT encourages drivers to have their studded tires removed before May 15 if it can reasonably be done while maintaining social distancing. ; A tree removal safety project will cause delays on Oregon Highway 126-W, the Florence-to-Eugene Highway, about one this side of the tunnel (east of Mapleton) for the next two weeks. An Oregon Department of Transportation maintenance crew will be removing trees from the state's right of way to enhance safety for travelers at Mileposts 20-22. The work is scheduled weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. starting on Monday, April 20, and lasting the next two weeks. At least one lane of travel will be open with flaggers controlling two-way traffic. Travelers should expect delays. ; Scrambling to address voting concerns during a pandemic, election officials across the country are eliminating polling places and scaling back opportunities for people to cast ballots in person. The closures come as many state officials are encouraging voters to vote by mail — and expanding opportunities to do so. Many election officials and health experts see mail-in and absentee voting as the best way to keep voters from spreading the coronavirus and to address a shortage of poll workers who can work without risking their health. But advocates say some states are moving so quickly to embrace the shift to mail that they are not doing enough to accommodate certain voters, including those who are very frail or have chronic health issues, people who lack regular mail service, groups with little history of absentee voting or those who are simply unable to keep up with last-minute election changes and mail-in deadlines. In Nevada, election officials will open only one polling place per county for its June primary. In Florida, county officials warn they may have to consolidate polling places across the state. In Ohio's primary next week, only those with disabilities and the homeless will be allowed to vote in person. Some Republican leaders in Washington, D.C. and in several states say they oppose the move to vote-by-mail. President Trump earlier claimed, without evidence, that the system was marked by widespread fraud. But Oregon's Republican Secretary of State, Bev Clarno, says mail-in elections are safe. She told The Oregonian and OregonLive, quote, "I think after 20 years, we've proven that our system is very secure and voters love it. The voters voted it in, they've never made an attempt to vote it out. I think they're happy with it and I think it's a 20-year history of success." / SPORTS: Sabrina Ionescu was the No. 1 pick in the WNBA draft Friday night, going to the New York Liberty. The Oregon Ducks star, who set the NCAA record for triple-doubles, was the first college player to have over 2,000 points, 1,000 rebounds and 1,000 assists in her career. Ducks teammate Satou Sabally, one of three juniors to forego their last year of college eligibility and enter the draft, was the second overall pick and was selected by Dallas. It's the third time in the history of the draft that the top two picks were teammates in college. Duck forward Ruthy Hebard was the Number 8 pick and

went to the Chicago Sky. She'll play with point guard Courtney Vandersloot, who became a college women's basketball sensation when playing for then-Gonzaga coach Kelly Graves. / ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE: A 40-foot gray whale washed ashore north of Pacific City Saturday, the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office said. Deputies responded after the camp host to Sand Lake Recreation Area discovered the whale had washed ashore overnight. Biologists from Oregon State University performed a necropsy on the male whale Saturday afternoon. /

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YOUTH: Lane County had no new positive tests for the coronavirus yesterday,
meaning our total remains at 48 since the outbreak began. County health
investigators say one of the new cases announced over the weekend, a woman in
her 50s from the Eugene-Springfield area, has a link to her place of employment.
Officials are working with her employer to help counteract the spread. They are
not naming the business at this point but say it is a relatively small facility where
workers do not have a lot of public contact and they are working to mitigate the
spread of the virus. Twenty-one patients are listed as "recovered," 25 are resting
at home, one remains hospitalized and there is one presumed death from last
month. ; Lane County Public Health officials say our 48 local cases is not a
statistically large number, so it's difficult to pull a lot of trends from the data.
There's an almost even split in cases between women and men, but the largest
number of cases are in adults between the ages of 40 and 60. But they do say
about one in five cases are in our Latino or Latinx (say: Latin-X) community.
Latinx residents make up only about nine percent of Lane County's population, so
having 21 percent of the local cases among that population is concerning. Across
the country, there have been similar trends among Latino and African-American
communities. Health experts say that's often a reflection of more of those groups
working in service industries, where there is a greater risk of coming in contact
with the virus. Lane County Public Health officials say they're working to enhance
the information shared with that community, including expanding the information
that is supplied in Spanish. ; Some good news from local health officials: Testing
for the coronavirus is expanding, which should help provide a better sense over
time of how the virus has spread through the community. It will also make it easier
for health investigators to track possible cases and their sources. Dr. Patrick
Luedtke (say: LUHD'-key), Lane County's Public Health Officer, says our area
initially had four commercial labs processing tests, some of them outside the
county. But Luedtke says PeaceHealth has greatly expanded its testing and
McKenzie-Willamette is doing the same this week through its new partnership
with the University of Oregon. ; Lane County Public Health spokesman Jason
Davis says the department is still receiving calls about people not practicing good
social distancing as they shop or work in grocery stores. During the past month,
health officials across the state have worked with retailers to find ways to add
better physical distancing, by posting signs, adding tape or decals on floors at
check-out lines, and encouraging staff to educate customers, where needed.
Davis adds that over the weekend, which included some stretches of sunny
weather, Lane County residents received a "B-minus" grade for social distancing.
He says some people are doing a great job of allowing plenty of physical space

between others when they head outdoors. But they say more people appeared to be on the road, visiting stores and, in some cases, spending time with friends and not maintaining a six-foot distance. Davis says a “B-minus” grade is still a “win” compared to Easter weekend, when more people seemed to be pushing the boundaries of our social distancing guidelines. But he adds that we can do better.

; The Oregon Health Authority reported an additional coronavirus death Monday — a 45-year-old Marion County man with previous, underlying medical conditions. That raises the state’s death toll to 75 since the outbreak began in late February. Officials also announced 47 additional positive tests for COVID-19 cases in Oregon, raising the total to 1,956. More than 40,000 residents have been tested for the coronavirus. ; Governor Kate Brown announced that on Saturday members of the Oregon National Guard will distribute approximately 395,000 pieces of Personal Protective Equipment—or PPE—to long-term care facilities across Oregon. The rapid distribution of masks, gloves, and face shields supplement efforts by the state Department of Human Services and Oregon Health Authority to help those facilities prevent the spread of COVID-19 to residents and staff. The shipments include a total 177,000 surgical masks, 127,000 gloves, 55,000 N95 masks, 33,000 face shields, and 2,500 gowns. ; Governor Kate Brown’s office is privately circulating a draft, three-phase plan of how Oregon could begin reopening amid the pandemic. It would include potential requirements that county officials submit a formal request to the governor, certifying that they have enough personal protective equipment for local first responders. The Oregonian and OregonLive and The Associated Press report officials hope to finalize the “Reopening Oregon” framework during the week of May 4. It would include specific guidelines for various types of businesses and geographic regions. That could include parts of Eastern Oregon, where several counties have seen few or no cases. In more populous parts of the state, restrictions only would be eased if there are declines in coronavirus cases and increased capacity to test people and trace their contacts. OregonLive reporter Brad Schmidt writes that the first phase of the state draft plan would include a call for all vulnerable people to continue staying home, minimize non-essential travel and encourage working from home. It would discourage social gatherings of more than 10 people. And it would require county officials to request the reopening of their jurisdictions – preferably in conjunction with other counties in their region. Brown also wants a written recommendation from each county’s public health officer about the reopening, a formal vote by a county’s governing board and a written pledge from local hospitals to report daily to the Oregon Health Authority about their stockpile of protective supplies and patient bed counts. Not all types of businesses would open in Phase One. For instance, schools, gyms and other large venues would likely to remain closed during the initial phase. Visitors still would be prohibited at hospitals and care facilities. But all childcare facilities would be allowed to reopen during Phase One. Work is underway to craft guidelines to reopen other businesses and industries, including sit-down restaurants and bars, personal services such as barber shops and hair salons, and larger venues including churches and theaters. There would also be an easing of restrictions on non-emergency medical procedures. If—after 14 days of loosened restrictions—health officials don’t see signs of trouble, Oregon or a particular region could move to Phase Two. Under the draft, schools and gyms could reopen with social distancing, travel could resume, and gatherings could increase to 50 people. If those loosened restrictions don’t cause additional problems, Oregon or specific regions could move to Phase Three. That would allow larger mass gatherings and unrestricted staffing at worksites. Visitors could return to nursing homes. Restaurants and bars could allow more seating. Again, the plan is still in draft form. State leaders are briefing dozens of business groups and local government officials this week and collecting feedback from some of the hardest-hit industries such as restaurants and retail. Oregon has been spared the

large numbers of cases seen in several other U.S. states, largely because Brown and state leaders began implementing "Stay Home" orders on March 23. As a result, several computer models indicate the state has reduced its potential caseload by tens of thousands and avoided overwhelming hospital staff and resources. But there are concerns that reopening the state's economy too soon might lead to a larger, second wave of infections. ; Eugene's new Hayward Field will see Team USA's top track and field athletes off to Tokyo in June of 2021. Officials with USA Track and Field announced moments ago that the U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Track and Field will return to the University of Oregon campus almost exactly one year after originally planned on June 18–27, 2021. That aligns with the schedule change for the Tokyo Games, which will now be held July 23-Aug. 8, 2021. Although the timing of events in Eugene is subject to change, the trials will maintain the original competition schedule as far as which events are contested each day. Those who purchased tickets to the 2020 event will have their seats automatically transfer to the 2021 event unless a refund is requested within the next 90 days via TrackTown20.com. Track and Field has a long history in Oregon, with next year's event marking the seventh time the Olympic trials will be held at Hayward Field, and the fourth time in a row. The trials will be one of the first major events to take place at Hayward Field once the stadium's massive renovation is complete. That work wraps up this spring. The new stadium will increase its capacity to 12,650, with the possibility of expansion to 25,000. The U.S. Track and Field Olympic trials are always hyper-competitive, with a maximum of just three athletes per individual event earning qualification. ; Oregon Congressman Peter DeFazio says money included in that massive federal stimulus bill will provide tens of millions of dollars to pay salaries and shore up transit systems in the Southern Willamette Valley. The majority of the \$37 million funding will go to the Lane Transit District, the City of Albany, and the City of Corvallis to be used for operating expenses. DeFazio, who chairs the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, says the transit system funding is intended to partially offset the massive drops in ridership and revenues. Lane Transit, for example, is running a severely curtailed bus schedule and not charging fares in order to help workers get to and from their jobs. LTD will receive close to \$25 million. Oregon's U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley add that smaller communities, such as Cottage Grove, will receive modest amounts to help maintain transit in rural areas. Some communities will apply for federal grants administered by the Oregon Department of Transportation to help underwrite rural operations, intercity buses and preventive maintenance. The first batch of funding is expected in the next couple of months. ; Nearly nine in 10 Americans say the COVID-19 crisis is causing stress on their personal finances. The numbers come from a new survey with the National Endowment for Financial Education. Among their key concerns: not having enough saved for emergency spending or retirement; and their ability to pay housing, utility or health care bills. Concerns about job security also are escalation. Numbers from the U.S. Department of Labor indicate one in 10 Americans is now seeking unemployment benefits. In Oregon's it is closer to one in every seven working adults. The survey from the National Endowment for Financial Education notes that the level of concern over personal finances during the pandemic affects both ends of the income spectrum: Nearly eight in 10 Americans with household incomes of less than \$50,000 annually say they are at least somewhat concerned about their personal finance situation. And almost identical percentage of those with a household income over \$100,000 per year feel the same way. And while the concern about money and savings is strong, the survey finds 75 percent of those questioned have taken steps to adjust their spending during the outbreak. Forty-two percent say they have cut monthly expenses, one-quarter are putting off major financial decisions such as buying or selling a home or making a major purchase. Roughly one in six Americans surveyed say they've tapped their

emergency funds and six percent have borrowed against their retirement savings. Some have deferred bill payments and debt payments or added more credit card debt. But some say they've gone the other direction: increasing contributions to their emergency savings and retirement funds. Analysts add that in most homes, children are aware of what's going on so it's important to have any family discussions in calm, age-appropriate ways. ; Thousands of college seniors sent home when the coronavirus outbreak closed their campuses have been forced to delay their planned launch into independence. They're canceling work, travel or internship plans, moving home or trying to help support themselves and their families. Counseling experts say they should hold on to their goals, even if they have to adjust their timelines. For many of the nearly two million people expected to earn U.S. bachelor's degrees in 2020, the pandemic has taken away their housing, friends and long-held dreams of a graduation ceremony. Some college seniors have been jolted into instant "adulthood" as they try to support themselves or struggling family members. For others, it is adulthood delayed, as their post-college work, travel or internship plans are nixed for a dispiriting move back home. And nearly all of them fear their first steps into adulthood will be clouded by a global recession. University of Iowa psychologist Barry Schreier advises students to hold on to their goals, even if they have to adjust their timelines. And he says they should expect to cycle through the stages of grief: denial, anger and depression among them. ; College sports programs are already being cut and more are likely on the chopping block. The coronavirus pandemic has triggered fears of an economic meltdown on campuses around the country. The cancellation of the NCAA men's basketball tournament cost schools \$375 million and more losses are expected, especially if football season is disrupted in the fall. In tough times, athletic administrators often drop sports programs to save money. Paving the way for more cuts to come, the commissioners of five Bowl Subdivision conferences have asked the NCAA to waive over the next four years a slew of requirements for Division I membership, including the minimum number (16) of sports a school must sponsor. Some observers see the coming crisis as a chance for schools to consider radical changes to how athletic departments are run or for new development paths to emerge for young athletes. ; One toddler became dizzy, fell and hit her head after drinking from a large bottle of hand sanitizer. A woman had a scary coughing and wheezing fit while soaking her produce in a sink containing bleach, vinegar and hot water. Reports of accidental poisonings from cleaners and disinfectants are up this year, and researchers believe it's related to the coronavirus epidemic. Such poisonings were up about 20 percent in the first three months of this year, compared with the same period in 2018 and 2019, according to a report Monday from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The authors said they can't prove coronavirus drove the increase, but said it seems likely the two are linked, given the number of stay-at-home orders and guidance to clean hands and dirty surfaces. They warn against using more cleaner than directed, mixing multiple products together or using them in poorly ventilated areas. The report was based on more than 45,000 recent calls to 55 poison control centers across the country involving exposures to cleaning chemicals or disinfectants. The same period in 2019 saw 38,000 such calls, while 2018 had 39,000. Roughly 40 percent of calls this year were about poisonings in children age 5 or younger, but increases were seen in all age groups. Bleach accounted for the largest share of the increase overall, but for young children the rise was mainly in mishaps involving nonalcohol disinfectants and hand sanitizers, the CDC reported. ; How do you arrange a huge cannabis smoke-in amid a global pandemic? You don't. This year's 4/20 Day events marking the unofficial holiday for marijuana had a decidedly indoor flavor. Instead of celebrating with outdoor gatherings, cannabis fans had virtual smoke-ins and even used video conferencing tools as stay-at-home orders limited the kind of large outdoor that usually occur during 4/20 observances. For businesses, 4/20 is usually their

once-a-year Black Friday, when sales soar. Instead, they reported up-and-down buying. That's despite the onset of stay-at-home orders in March that sent marijuana sales rocketing; some businesses reported single-day records as customers stocked up. But since then, business generally has flattened or tapered off, even with deliveries and curbside pickups growing to reduce health risks. Marijuana data trackers BDS Analytics documented sales surges through much of March, but then consumers pulled back in late March and early April, with sales mostly below average. In Oregon, cannabis retailers saw a huge spike last month — a 30 percent increase in average sales per retailer compared with March 2019. Sales increases mid-month were even larger. But the peak has leveled off. Customers are coming in less frequently but buying more or ordering home deliveries. But shop owners fear a reduced revenue stream and note that because marijuana remains illegal at the federal level, they don't qualify for small-business loans under that massive Congressional stimulus package. ; The relief fund Congress created to protect small businesses amid the coronavirus crisis in some instances helped companies with thousands of employees, including those with past regulatory run-ins and those that were at risk of financial failure even before the economy was walloped. The Paycheck Protection Program exhausted its \$350 billion in funding last week and many small businesses were unable to obtain loans they desperately need to stay afloat. Negotiators for Congress and the White House say they're close to an agreement on a bill to add about \$300 billion in fresh funds. But the first round of funding in the Paycheck Protection Program was supposed to help small businesses, which typically have less access to quick cash and credit. Its emergency loans were intended to keep workers on the job and bills paid on time. But an investigation by The Associated Press determined 75 companies that has collectively received \$300 million were publicly traded, some with market values of well over \$100 million. The government program, which is overseen by the Treasury and administered by the Small Business Administration, limits loan recipients to businesses with fewer than 500 employees and revenue of less than \$2.5 billion. But it makes an exception for restaurants and other food service businesses that employ fewer than 500 people per location, meaning that restaurant chains are as eligible for the loans as a neighborhood restaurant or bar. Restaurant chains Shake Shack, Ruth's Chris and Potbelly's each announced last week they'd obtained loans worth a combined \$40 million under the program. Although the loans fell within the guidelines of the program, Shake Shack officials say they will return their loan to give smaller restaurants a chance to receive government money. Leaders of the New York burger chain, which employs nearly 8,000 workers across 189 outlets and is preparing to open a Portland location, say they have secured alternate funding. Small business advocacy groups say changes are needed before the next round of funding is doled out. The National Federation of Independent Business says a portion of the money should be set aside for companies with 20 or fewer employees. While the NFIB did not mention small restaurants specifically, they would be among the beneficiaries under the NFIB plan. Many restaurants are scrambling to shore up their finances as customers obey stay-at-home orders. U.S. restaurant sales were down 43 percent during the week ending April 12, according to NPD Group, a data and consulting firm. The drop-off has been sharpest for sit-down restaurants that have closed their dining rooms. / SAFETY, CRIME: Have you seen him? The Lane County Sheriff's Office and Sutherlin Police Department are asking for help finding 35-year-old Jonathan Eli Moore, who was involved in an April 7 vehicle crash on Row River Road east of Cottage Grove. Investigators believe at least one shot was fired at Moore's 2001 Dodge Dakota. The Dodge was located at the crash scene unoccupied, and Moore's cell phone was found nearby. The second vehicle involved in the crash also was located and deputies are continuing to investigate to determine the details of the incident. But they're concerned about the well-being of Moore, who

is a resident of Oakland, Oregon. Officials believe he left the scene on foot and damage to his vehicle indicates he might have suffered injuries from the crash. Law enforcement searched the area but have not been able to locate him. Moore's family reported him as missing to the Sutherlin Police Department on April 10 after not hearing from him since the day of the incident when he left for Cottage Grove to visit a friend. The Lane County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team has continued to search the crash area but have not found anything indicating Moore's location and officials say all leads to his whereabouts have been exhausted. Moore is described as white, 5-foot-8, about 165 pounds with brown hair and blue eyes. He is known to have a short beard and mustache, and sometimes wears an earring in his left ear. Anyone who has seen Jonathan Eli Moore since April 7th, or knows his whereabouts, is asked to contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4150 then press 1, and refer to Case # 20-2318, or contact the Sutherlin Police Department at 541-459-2211 and refer to Case #20-360. / LEGAL, CRIME: The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled juries in state criminal trials must be unanimous to convict a defendant. The decision settles a quirk in constitutional law that had allowed divided votes to result in convictions in Oregon and Louisiana. The justices' 6-3 vote Monday overturned the conviction of a Louisiana man serving a life sentence for killing a woman after a jury voted 10-2 to convict him in 2016. Oregon is currently the only state that allows for non-unanimous convictions for some crimes. Louisiana voters in 2018 changed their law. Now the same rules will apply in all 50 states and in the federal system: Juries must vote unanimously for conviction. ; In a dissent, Justice Samuel Alito warned that the decision could trigger "a potential tsunami of litigation on the jury unanimity issue. At a minimum, all defendants whose cases are still on direct appeal will presumably be entitled to a new trial if they were convicted by a less-than-unanimous verdict and preserved the issue in the trial court. "And at least in Oregon, even if no objection was voiced at trial, defendants may be able to challenge their convictions based on plain error," Alito argued. Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Elena Kagan also dissented from the majority opinion. Oregon's Department of Justice last fall had sounded a similar note of caution in a brief filed with the Supreme Court, claiming the state's court and criminal justice systems would be overwhelmed by a "staggering" number of claims to revisit nonunanimous verdicts and potential retrials. Ellen Rosenblum, the state's attorney general, at the time said defense lawyers had already hundreds of cases pending appeal. On Monday, the attorney general said her office had been expecting the justices' ruling in striking down nonunanimous juries. "We're well-prepared to address its significant consequences for Oregon's justice system," Rosenblum said in a statement. "We have been working closely for months with our appellate courts and with the leadership of the criminal defense bar to plan our case review and the judicial process that will ensue." Rosenblum's statement didn't provide any details for those case review plans. Todd Sprague, a spokesman with the Oregon Judicial Department, said the agency is working with the Oregon Department of Justice and Office of Public Defense Services to identify which convictions on appeal could be reversed quickly and returned to trial court. Other cases could take weeks or months to determine whether a reversal is warranted. Sprague said the Oregon Supreme Court is currently holding 74 petitions for review in criminal appeal cases that might be affected by the high court's ruling. It's less clear how many of the 2,900 criminal cases before the state Court of Appeals could be affected, according to Sprague. Others also have been awaiting the decision. For instance, lawyers for Michael Sperou, a 69-year-old Portland pastor twice convicted of sexually abusing a former member as a young child, told the court in January they expected to be seeking another trial because the jury had returned an 11-1 verdict. Oregon was the only state in the country that allowed juries in most felony cases — aside from murder — to convict defendants with a 10-2 or 11-1 vote.

Federal courts and all other states require a unanimous verdict for crimes such as manslaughter, rape and arson. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, GOVERNMENT, EVENTS, COMMUNITY, SCHOOL FAMILIES, ENVIRONMENT, HOMELESSNESS: For a second day, no new cases of the coronavirus were reported in Lane County. And public health officials say they are cautiously optimistic we might have reached a plateau in cases. Spokesman Jason Davis said at yesterday's media briefing that of the county's 48 total cases, 21 people are "recovered." Patients are considered recovered when they have been free of coughs and fever for 72 hours without the aid of medications. One person remains hospitalized, 25 are resting at home. There was one suspected COVID-19 death in mid-March. Lane County Public Health officials say testing capacity is increasing this week at private labs and hospitals, with 2,257 people tested so far, and they expect testing numbers to continue to climb. Officials say that a mixture of community and corporate donations, as well as state and federal shipments of Personal Protective Equipment have helped ease an earlier shortage and that Lane County's frontline medical providers and first responders are in a "good place" compared to many parts of the U.S. that continue to experience dire shortages of the gear. Earlier this week, Oregon Governor Kate Brown's office began circulating a draft plan among state and local officials for a phased reopening of the economy. It includes a gradual lifting of restrictions on some businesses and gathering places. To do that, the draft plan sets certain benchmarks in health data, including a sustained decline in infections, expanded testing and contact tracing, and adequate supplies of Personal Protective Equipment. Lane County Public Health officials say having no new positive tests in recent days is a good indication that our area's outbreak has begun to plateau and "flatten the curve," but they warn it could take several weeks of "leveling off" before they consider us to be on the back side of the pandemic. ; But other Oregon counties are not yet seeing such trends. The Oregon Health Authority yesterday reported three more deaths from COVID-19 and 46 new positive tests for the virus. The three patients who died are a 47-year-old Washington County man, a 61-year-old Washington County woman, and a 65-year-old Multnomah County man. All had earlier, underlying medical conditions. Oregon's death toll for the outbreak stands at 78. A total 2,002 people have tested positive for the coronavirus. Officials with the Oregon Health Authority say 297 people with confirmed and suspected cases of COVID-19 remain hospitalized statewide, with 70 of them in intensive care beds and 35 of those on ventilators. More than 41,000 people have been tested in Oregon. The area with the highest numbers of infections since the outbreak began are the Portland area's Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties, as well as Marion, Linn, Benton and Deschutes counties. ; When will the outbreak plateau statewide? Updated projections this week from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington concludes that with social distancing rules in

effect, the number of new cases might begin to decline next week, the Week of April 27. The computer model suggests average daily deaths might drop to near zero by the Week of May 15. Based on those numbers and predicted new cases of infection, the projections estimate Oregon officials could safely begin easing social distancing measures starting the Week of May 25. But again, the computer model echoes what we've been hearing from state and county health officials about the importance of maintaining social distancing, robust testing and contact tracing, and adequate supplies of Personal Protective Equipment. ; There's really no way to create social and physical distancing at a rodeo, unless you're being thrown during a bull ride or doing one of those crazy motorcycle stunts. The pandemic is forcing the cancellation of this summer's Eugene Pro Rodeo. Lane County's infection numbers might be at a plateau, but infections continue in other parts of the state and the country—including places that are home to many competitors and vendors. Rodeo organizers say it was a tough decision. But they note that it takes thousands of hours, along with large numbers of business sponsors, along with Eugene Pro Rodeo board members, staff and volunteers to put on the event. That's been hampered this spring amid the "Stay Home" orders and as many businesses who ordinarily underwrite the rodeo have struggled to keep their own doors open. Next year will be the rodeo's 30th anniversary and organizers hope they'll see everyone at the Oregon Horse Center when the tradition resumes. ; The Oregon Bach Festival was set to celebrate its 50th anniversary this summer. Instead, the summer music event is canceling for this year and will postpone the celebration until 2021. The news came in a letter Tuesday from Oregon Bach Festival organizers, who said they're also postponing the hiring of a new artistic director to the summer of 2021. Anyone who'd already purchased tickets through the Hult Center Box Office will receive an automatic refund or patrons may donate the cost of the tickets to the festival. ; Eugene's new Hayward Field will see Team USA's top track and field athletes off to Tokyo in June of 2021. Officials with USA Track and Field announced moments ago that the U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Track and Field will return to the University of Oregon campus almost exactly one year after originally planned on June 18–27, 2021. That aligns with the schedule change for the Tokyo Games, which are also moving to 2021. Although the timing of events in Eugene is subject to change, the trials will maintain the original competition schedule as far as which events are contested each day. Those who purchased tickets to the 2020 event will have their seats automatically transfer to the 2021 event unless a refund is requested within the next 90 days via www.TrackTown20.com Track and Field has a long history in Oregon, with next year's event marking the seventh time the Olympic trials will be held at Hayward Field, and the fourth time in a row. The trials will be one of the first major events to take place at Hayward Field once the stadium's massive renovation is complete. That work wraps up this spring. The new stadium will increase its capacity to 12,650, with the possibility of expansion to 25,000. ; Authorities say two surfers in Oregon were cited after climbing a chain-link fence to get to a beach that remains closed to the public because of the coronavirus pandemic. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office says the men were seen Monday afternoon heading to the beach with surfboards in Otter Rock. The sheriff's office says a deputy saw them climbing back over the fence a couple hours later. The deputy cited 20-year-old Max Gause and 19-year-old Konnor Owens both of Cottage Grove, for criminal trespassing. The sheriff's office says the men confirmed that a local resident warned them the park was closed and that they would be trespassing if they climbed over the fence. ; Concerned that we still might see a surge in local cases of COVID-19, members of the Lane County Board of Health is considering an ordinance requiring Lane County hotels and motels to accept government vouchers or payments during an emergency. The Board of Health is made up of the five Lane County Commissioners. Their first discussion took place Tuesday with a possible vote set for early next month (May

5). County officials say there is an immediate need to provide motel and hotel rooms for unhoused individuals who need to be quarantined while awaiting COVID-19 test results or after a positive COVID-19 test. But some local hotels and motels have refused to accept a direct County payment for rooms or a payment voucher. Those backing the change say without some way to quarantine patients separately while awaiting test results or the ability to isolate patients while they recover could result in further spread of the coronavirus and increase the burden on healthcare providers and hospitals. The county recently made an emergency purchase of the former VA clinic site off River Avenue, but it's taking time to outfit it as a homeless respite facility. In written comments to the county board, managers of some local hotels and motels say they're hesitant to accept COVID-19 patients because of concerns over how to keep other guests safe. They also are concerned about cleaning rooms after patients leave. Lane County officials say they've developed guidelines to manage and isolate any patients who are placed in hotel rooms and have a contract with an organization that will clean the rooms to CDC specifications once a quarantined patient has checked out of the property. The proposal would apply both to incorporated and unincorporated areas of Lane County. ; A new map released by the White House indicates Oregon is lagging behind most other U.S. states in its testing capacity for coronavirus infections. The document from the White House coronavirus task force was based on estimates of how many people are tested in each state per 1,000 population. It listed Oregon, Montana, Oklahoma and Maine as able to test fewer than 30 out of every 1,000 people per month. The states with the highest monthly testing capacity, Wyoming, Utah and Vermont, were listed at three times that level. Officials in Oregon and elsewhere say testing has lagged amid initial shortages of test kits and the chemicals needed to process them, as well as available capacity in labs. In Lane County, that capacity began expanding dramatically this week as more testing machines came online, including at PeaceHealth's hospitals and through a partnership between McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center and the University of Oregon. ; A \$483 billion coronavirus aid package flew through the U.S. Senate on Tuesday after Congress and the White House reached a deal to replenish a small-business payroll fund and provided new money for hospitals and testing. Passage was swift and unanimous, despite opposition from conservative Republicans. President Trump tweeted his support, pledging to sign it into law. It now goes to the House, with votes set for Thursday. After nearly two weeks of negotiations and deadlock, Congress and the White House reached agreement Tuesday on the nearly \$500 billion package — the fourth as the federal government strains to respond to the health and economic crisis. Most of the funding, \$331 billion, would go to boost a small-business payroll loan program that ran out of money last week. An additional \$75 billion would be given to hospitals, and \$25 billion would be spent to boost testing for the virus, a key step in building the confidence required to reopen state economies. Missing from the package, however, was extra funding for state and local governments staring down budget holes and desperate to avert furloughs and layoffs of workers needed to keep cities running. Trump said he was open to including in a subsequent virus aid package fiscal relief for state and local government — which Democrats wanted for the current bill — along with infrastructure projects. Not all Republicans are backing Trump on the deal. Two conservative Republicans, Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, and Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., voiced opposition during Tuesday's session but did not halt passage. Lee said it was "unacceptable" that the full Senate was not present and voting in the pro forma session as Congress shuttered during the virus outbreak. House members are being called to Washington, D.C., for a Thursday vote. The House will also vote on a proposal to allow proxy voting on future business during the pandemic, a first for Congress, which has required in-person business essentially since its founding. The emerging virus aid package — originally designed by Republicans

as a \$250 billion stopgap to replenish the payroll subsidies for smaller businesses — has grown into the second largest of the four coronavirus response bills so far. Democratic demands have caused the measure to balloon, though Republicans supported additions for hospitals and testing. The now \$310 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program includes \$60 billion or so set aside for — and divided equally among — smaller banks and community lenders that seek to focus on underbanked neighborhoods and rural areas. Democrats have highlighted the number of smaller and minority-owned shops missing out on the aid. Another \$60 billion would be available for a small-business loans and grants program delivered through an existing small business disaster aid program, \$10 billion of which would come in the form of direct grants. The bill provides \$25 billion for increased testing efforts, including at least \$11 billion to state and tribal governments to detect and track new infections. The rest will help fund federal research into new coronavirus testing options. Currently, the U.S. has tested roughly 4 million people for the virus, or just over one percent of its population, according to the Covid Tracking Project website. While the White House says the U.S. has enough testing to begin easing social distancing measures, most experts say capacity needs to increase at least threefold, if not more. Despite yet another big package from Congress, all sides say more aid is likely needed. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin outlined infrastructure and broadband spending for the next bill. And there's pressure to help cities with populations of less than 500,000 that were shut out of the massive \$2 trillion relief bill that passed last month. Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said Monday that he had talked to Federal Reserve Board Chairman Jerome Powell and that Powell said the Fed is working to open up the Main Street Lending program to nonprofits and municipal governments. The government's Paycheck Protection Program has been swamped by companies applying for loans and reached its appropriations limit last Thursday after approving nearly 1.7 million loans. That left thousands of small businesses in limbo as they sought help. Controversies have enveloped the program, with many businesses complaining that banks have favored customers with whom they already do business. Some businesses that have not been harmed much by the pandemic have also received loans, along with a number of publicly traded corporations. ; Frustration is mounting as more families across the U.S. enter their second or even third week of distance learning — and some overwhelmed parents say it will be their last. Amid the barrage of learning apps, video meet-ups and e-mailed assignments that pass as pandemic home school, some frustrated and exhausted parents are choosing to disconnect entirely for the rest of the academic year. Others are cramming all their children's schoolwork into the weekend or taking days off work to help their kids with a week's worth of assignments in one day. "We tried to make it work the first week. We put together a schedule, and what we found is that forcing a child who is that young into a fake teaching situation is really, really hard," said Alexandra Nicholson, whose son is in kindergarten in a town outside Boston. "I'd rather have him watch classic Godzilla movies and play in the yard and pretend to be a Jedi rather than figure out basic math." That stress is only compounded for families with multiple children in different grades, or when parents work long hours outside the home. In some cases, older siblings must watch younger ones during the day, leaving no time for schoolwork. / LAW ENFORCEMENT: April 22 is always a sorrowful day for members of the Eugene Police Department. It was on this date in 2011 that Officer Chris Kilcullen was fatally shot during a traffic stop off Highway 126 at 52nd Street in Springfield. In past years, members of the Eugene Police Benevolent Association hosted a gathering at the location, placing a memorial wreath next to a tree that was planted in Kilcullen's honor. But during the pandemic, they're not able to hold the formal gathering. Instead, there will be a much smaller, private moment for Officer Kilcullen's family, along with some members of the Traffic Safety Unit. Again, this will be a private event. There also

will be one minute of silence observed on the local law enforcement radio channels followed by a brief commemoration. A 12-year veteran of the Eugene Police Department, Kilcullen was a member of a Special Operations Section - Traffic Enforcement Unit. He had also served in the Rapid Deployment Unit, Crisis Negotiations Team, and Crisis Intervention Team. He received more than 85 commendations for his professional demeanor and positive interactions with the community. He held Advanced Police Certification from Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. Chris Kilcullen worked with us here at New Country 93.3 while he attended college and prepared for his career with Eugene Police. He's remembered by all of us for how he treated people with respect, dignity and compassion. We also loved his wry sense of humor. He is deeply missed. / ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE: Oregon's Hammond Ranches could be vying with at least three other applicants for access to federal grazing allotments that it lost in a court ruling last year. The Capital Press reports the company submitted one of four applications to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to use the 26,000 public acres, where the Hammond family has traditionally grazed cattle near its home base in Diamond, Oregon. However, Hammond Ranches may still reactivate an administrative appeal against the BLM by May 12 that would suspend the competition for the grazing allotments, at least until the legal challenge is resolved. Steven Hammond, the company's co-owner, said he has not yet decided whether to continue that administrative process. / WILDLIFE: State park rangers and a contractor have buried a gray whale carcass that washed up on the beach at Sand Lake Recreation Area south of Tillamook. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the whale's body washed up Saturday. Members of the NOAA West Coast Marine Mammal Stranding Network took tissue samples from the whale before it was buried. Last spring, some researchers grew concerned following a large number of gray whale deaths along the Pacific coast, many of which appeared to be malnourished. Research studying the health and number of gray whales this spring has been temporarily halted during the pandemic. / SPORTS: In a year when three Oregon stars were selected in the Top Ten, the WNBA draft last week drew its second-highest ever television audience. The event was held virtually because of the coronavirus. The Ducks' Sabrina Ionescu was the overall Number One pick, with Satou Sabally taken second and Ruthy Hebard eighth. The draft special averaged 387,000 viewers on ESPN, up 123 percent from last year's draft. It was also up 33 percent from the last time it aired on the network in 2011. Only the 2004 draft drew a larger viewership. The draft also made a huge impact across WNBA and NBA social media handles. It generated 6.5 million views — up 165 percent from last year. The audience watched the selections for a combined 1.3 million minutes, up 237 percent from last year. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, GOVERNMENT, SCHOOLS, SPORTS, EVENTS: It's the first step in easing Oregon's "Stay Home" restrictions. Governor Kate Brown says she is lifting the order that delayed non-urgent procedures for health care providers, effective May 1. It went into place last month to divert critical Personal Protective Equipment to health care workers treating patients with COVID-19. Brown said this morning that, quote, "As anyone waiting for an elective surgery knows, 'non-urgent' does not mean 'minor.'" She added that lifting the order will allow Oregon's health care system to get back up and running, with appropriate safeguards in place, so that Oregonians may reschedule everything from surgeries to their medical, dental, vision and other treatments without delay. Brown says healthcare providers must demonstrate they have met the new requirements for COVID-19 safety and preparedness. Hospitals, surgical centers, medical offices, and dental offices that meet those requirements will be able to resume non-urgent procedures on May 1. ; More than 4.4 million laid-off workers applied for unemployment benefits last week as job cuts escalated across an economy that remains all but shut down. The numbers come from the U.S. Labor Department. Analysts for the department say close to 26 million people have filed for jobless aid in the five weeks since the outbreak began and forced millions of employers to close their doors. That's works out to about one in every six American workers who have lost their jobs since mid-March. It is by far the worst string of layoffs on record. Many economists forecast the nation's April unemployment rate could surge as high as 20 percent. ; Congress is on the verge of passing that \$483 billion coronavirus relief bill. It passed on Tuesday in the U.S. Senate. The House votes later today, then sends it to the president for his signature. The centerpiece of the deal remains the small-business payroll program. It provides forgivable loans so shops can continue paying workers while businesses remain closed for social distancing and stay-at-home orders. Launched just weeks ago, the Paycheck Protection Program quickly reached its lending limit after approving nearly 1.7 million loans. That left thousands of small businesses in limbo as they sought help. Most of the bill's funding, \$331 billion, would go to boost a small-business payroll loan program that ran out of money last week. There would be \$100 billion for health care, with \$75 billion to hospitals and \$25 billion to boost testing for the virus, a key step in building the confidence required to reopen state economies. There is \$60 billion for small-business loans and grants. Of the \$25 billion for increased testing efforts, at least \$11 billion goes to state and tribal governments to detect and track new infections. The rest will help fund federal research into new coronavirus testing options. Supporters of the Paycheck Protection Program warn that this week's refill may only last a few days, likely putting business groups back at Congress' doorstep. But battle lines already are forming over the next stimulus

measure amid growing demands to approve additional billions for state and local governments, the Postal Service and the nation's infrastructure. The talk of that fifth measure is running into early opposition from conservatives, chiefly Senate Republicans, who warn the spending spree cannot go on indefinitely. That comes after GOP senators saw their request to replenish a Paycheck Protection Program nearly double in size, as Democrats persuaded President Trump to support additional funding for loans to smaller communities, as well as increased funding health providers and an expanded national testing initiative. So far, the emergency spending is pushing the projected U.S. deficit for the current year past \$3 trillion — more than double the previous record from the Great Recession. Trump has said he supports including fiscal relief for state and local government in another virus aid package along with infrastructure projects, but Senator Mitch McConnell said the Senate is “going to push the pause button here.” Republicans are not ready to send a “blank check” to the states, McConnell said. “We all have governors regardless of party who would love to have free money,” he said. McConnell said he sees “no good reason” why laws shouldn't be changed to allow states to enter into bankruptcy proceedings, which they are now unable to do. Such a suggestion is highly unlikely and governors from both parties delivered swift blowback. Among the targets for the next bill is the Postal Service, which has more than 600,000 workers, mostly covered under union-negotiated contracts, but is hamstrung financially by COVID-19-related revenue losses and pension funding requirements. ; Banking industry groups say the more than \$300 billion set aside to replenish the emergency loan program for small businesses impacted by the coronavirus pandemic is likely already all spoken for. The Senate has approved an additional \$310 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program, which the House of Representatives is expected to pass today. President Trump says he will sign it. But banking groups say the volume of applications already sent to the Small Business Administration makes it likely that much, if not all, the money allotted will go to those already in the queue. Any new applicants would likely miss out on this funding round. ; If your small business missed out on Payroll Protection Program (PPP) funding last week, now is the time to prepare to apply for the next round of funding. The Oregon Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) are available to help, offering you no-cost, confidential advice from business advisers. Lane Community College hosts our local Small Business Development Center at its Downtown Eugene campus. The SBDC advisers are offering consultations online and by phone. Advisers say now is the time to prepare your application, contact your lender and get on the waiting list for funding. The Small Business Development Center experts can help explain the loan requirements and help you determine whether the program is a good fit for your business. If your business already has applied for PPP funding through a lender—usually a bank or credit union—and does not yet have a PPP number assigned by the federal Small Business Association (SBA), this is the time to contact your lender: Ask your lender if your application is still in the processing queue for the PPP program and if there are any additional steps you need to take before they can submit your application to the SBA. If your lender can't answer your questions, this is the time to call your Small Business Development Center. Experts say do not wait: make sure you have the information you need to make the best decisions for your business while you still have options and before the new round of funding runs out. Even if you are not eligible for the Payroll Protection Plan or your loan application is not accepted and funded, your Small Business Development Center can suggest other resources and strategies. Find the Lane Small Business Development Center on Facebook @LaneSBDC ; The U.S. Department of Agriculture is distributing \$19 billion in federal aid to help farms and ranches to help them survive during plunging crop, livestock and product prices triggered by the pandemic. It's part of that massive federal stimulus package approved by Congress last month and The Capital Press spoke with

farmers and ranchers who say it comes at a critical time. The program will include \$16 billion in direct payments to farmers, plus \$3 billion in mass purchases of dairy, meat and agricultural produce. Each month under that plan, the USDA will purchase an estimated \$100 million each of fresh produce, dairy and meat. Distributors and wholesalers will box and provide the farm products to food banks, community and faith-based organizations and other nonprofits. Reporter Sierra Dawn McClain writes that across the nation, farms and ranches lost restaurant and commercial orders as businesses shut down. Many scrambled to divert supply lines but others could find large buyers or figure out how to get their products shipped. That forced farmers in some states, including Wisconsin and Florida, to dump thousands of gallons of fresh milk and plow under crops of ripe vegetables. Others have held off on planting because they don't have buyers or are struggling to feed growing herds. To qualify for direct aid, a commodity must have declined in price by at least five percent between Jan. 1 and April 15. USDA has not yet specified how or when producers will be able to apply for aid or what information they will be required to submit — but it will include paperwork, and experts say farmers should be ready and keep records of things like the amount and cost of products lost, dumped or plowed under. ; Members of the Legislative Emergency Board hold a virtual meeting later this morning to allocate more than \$30 million in funds. The money includes \$12 million in assistance to renters who have lost income during the pandemic or are at risk of infection or health problems because they lack adequate shelter or housing. Another \$10 million will go to workers who are ineligible for wage replacement payments through traditional unemployment insurance programs or are unable to qualify for unemployment benefits due to their immigration status. An expected \$10 million will be set aside to establish an assistance program for small businesses with no more than 25 employees impacted by recent economic restrictions. The money targets companies that have not received support through the federal CARES Act stimulus program. Half the money will come from the state's Emergency Fund. Another \$5 million will come from the Oregon executive branch's Business, Innovation and Trade Division. Finally, the E-Board is expected to approve \$2 million in emergency housing funds for victims of domestic and sexual violence. ; The Oregon Health Authority yesterday reported 57 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the state total to nearly 2,059. But for the first time in several weeks that officials reported no new deaths. For a third day, there also were no new reported positive tests for the coronavirus in Lane County. Public health officials say we might have reached a plateau in the number of local cases, but that it could take several weeks before we start to see a sustained decline in the numbers locally and statewide. At least 78 people have died from the coronavirus in Oregon. ; For more than 30 years, workers with a Eugene company have designed and manufactured shelters used in disaster response across the globe. Now, many of Western Shelter's products are being used in the battle against COVID-19. The company's Gatekeeper shelter is a familiar sight after hurricanes, earthquakes, and other natural disasters. But now, it's being deployed outside hospitals and in locations where local, state and federal agencies need temporary shelter, treatment or logistical facilities. The shelters are being used to handle surges of patients, allowing space to assess, test and even treat people before they're admitted into hospital buildings. Western Shelter CEO Michael Scala says the company is also producing new products to assist healthcare workers in preventing the spread of COVID-19: One is a single-patient isolation system, that went from concept to production in just a few weeks. The company also sourced industrial-sized amounts of hand sanitizer for shipping to hospitals across the country. Western Shelter's sister company, CrewBoss, ordinarily manufactures Personal Protective Equipment for wildland firefighters. That production is underway ahead of fire season. But CrewBoss designers and sewers also adapted their expertise to design new PPE products for healthcare workers and

the public. The CrewBoss products use high-quality technical fabrics and include several types of face masks. Additional forms of PPE are in the works. Western Shelter and CrewBoss employ hundreds of people locally, many of whom are putting in overtime order to meet current demand. Michael Scala says his employees know the work they're doing is saving lives and they adapted their workplaces to enhance physical distancing and increase sanitation. ; Concerned that we still might see a surge in local cases of COVID-19, members of the Lane County Board of Health are considering an ordinance requiring Lane County hotels and motels to accept government vouchers or payments during an emergency. The Board of Health is made up of the five Lane County Commissioners. Their first discussion took place Tuesday with a possible vote set for early next month (May 5). County officials say there is an immediate need to provide motel and hotel rooms for unhoused individuals who need to be quarantined while awaiting COVID-19 test results or after a positive COVID-19 test. But some local hotels and motels have refused to accept a direct County payment for rooms or a payment voucher. Those backing the change say without some way to quarantine patients separately while awaiting test results or the ability to isolate patients while they recover could result in further spread of the coronavirus and increase the burden on healthcare providers and hospitals. The county recently made an emergency purchase of the former VA clinic site off River Avenue for use as a homeless respite facility, but the sale only closed on Friday and work to retrofit the facility could take a month or more. In written comments to the county board, managers of some local hotels and motels say they're hesitant to accept COVID-19 patients because of concerns over how to keep other guests safe. They also are concerned about cleaning rooms after patients leave. Lane County officials say they've developed guidelines to manage and isolate any patients who are placed in hotel rooms and have a contract with an organization that will clean the rooms to CDC specifications once a quarantined patient has checked out of the property. The proposal would apply both to incorporated and unincorporated areas of Lane County. ; First the World Track & Field Championships, then the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials. Now, another big track meet set for Eugene's Hayward Field is being postponed. The Prefontaine Classic, part of the Diamond League series of international meets featuring Olympic-level athletes, is on hold because of the pandemic. The two-day event was originally set for June 6-7 at the new Hayward Field. Officials with World Athletics made the announcement this morning. No word on when the Pre Classic will be rescheduled. ; Organizers of the Oregon Country Fair this week issued an update about the popular mid-July event. While the Fair's management and board are reviewing their options, an update posted on the Oregon Country Fair website reads, quote, "As many already realize, the gathering in July will probably not be happening, at least in any way that resembles what we are familiar with." Coordinators say they are not ready to official cancel the gathering just yet, but they are advising attendees to hold off from making any plans or commitments to be in the woods outside of Veneta the second weekend of July. Oregon Country Fair coordinators say they're working with officials from Lane County, the City of Veneta, and others, to consider their options. The event draws close to 50,000 ticketholders to the Oregon Country Fair property west of Veneta, as well as more than ten thousand vendors and volunteers known as "Fair Family." Many are from Oregon but others come from across the country, including some areas that are virus hotspots. The annual event, which was scheduled for July 10, 11 and 12 this year, started more than a half-century ago as a counterculture event and now has an economic impact of well over one million dollars in Lane County. ; For more than a month, a local partnership has been providing meals to seniors in need. It involves staff and volunteers with the Lane Council of Governments' Senior & Disability Services and the Willamalane Park & Recreation District, who changed he popular Senior Meals Program's

Café 60 service from a sit-down dining room to a drive-up for meal take-out. The Café 60 program is offered to people ages 60 and older. Lunch is free with a suggested donation of \$3. Willamalane has provided the space and staffing for this program since the day the Willamalane Adult Activity Center closed its doors on March 14. Demand has surged, even as funding has fallen. Prior to the pandemic, Café 60 served between 60-70 meals per day. Now, it meets the needs of more than 100 Springfield seniors. But as funding runs low, Willamalane has created a fundraiser called “5k Your Way.” Registration is \$5 and all proceeds support the Café 60 program. This week walk, run, or roll a 5k—the equivalent of 3.1 miles. Looking for a route? Go to Willamalane’s website to see five suggested 5k that run along some of Willamalane’s favorite trails. Or just choose your own favorite route and make it your personal 5k. Not able to do the 5k this week? No worries. Make a straight donation online. The Willamalane team has also stepped up to make and distribute protective masks to Café 60 seniors and donated additional masks to nurses at McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center. Willamalane is also offering fitness videos, activities for kids at home, and a list of parks and trails on its website. ; Some districts are turning on sports field and stadium lights while residents are turning on lights outside their homes and apartments. They say that even though our classrooms are dark, support for our local students shines bright. Patrons in Eugene School District 4J are participating in the nationwide Be the Light campaign to honor the seniors in the Class of 2020. Each Friday through June 12, you’re encouraged to turn on your front porch lights or other outside lights for 20 minutes and 20 seconds starting at 8:20 p.m. (20:20 in 24-hour time), to show your support for our high school seniors. The Eugene Schools also will turn on their “front porch lights” at athletic stadiums at each of the 4J high schools. Similar efforts are underway at other Lane County districts. While people are being asked not to gather at the stadiums, some people are driving by in their cars for a closer look. Others can see the illumination from nearby homes. The Eugene schools are encouraging families to take a picture of their lit-up porch, with or without a high school senior, and share it on the 4J social media and websites to celebrate our seniors together. ; An employee who worked at the Whole Foods Market in Portland’s Pearl District has died from COVID-19, a spokeswoman for the company confirmed Wednesday. It’s unknown what job the individual had at the store. They died April 20. Additionally, an employee at the Whole Foods in Northeast Portland’s Hollywood District has tested positive for the coronavirus. No further details are available in that case. They are the latest cases to affect Oregon’s grocery sector. Fred Meyer officials announced last month that an employee working at their Northeast Glisan (say: GLEE’-sun) store in Portland tested positive for the virus and had not been to work since March 10. Earlier this month, WinCo announced that three of its workers in its Tigard and Oregon City stores had tested positive for the virus. ; Something’s definitely brewing. In the wake of the new coronavirus outbreak, many Americans are engaging in an old-school craft to keep their spirits up: making their own beer. With many states implementing stay-at-home orders and many breweries shuttered, homebrewing has grown in popularity. Fans who are trying to stay home say the hobby keeps them occupied and takes their mind off the news. And then there’s the beer, of course. Suppliers say sales of homebrewing equipment are generally up. Hazy IPAs are popular, but demand is also up for classic hops. The head of a company that distributes beer- and wine-making supplies says the suds-making surge will continue as COVID-19 keeps battering the U.S. economy. David Stuart of LD Carlson says with fewer people working, home budgets tighter and folks having more time on their hands, he expects the brew-it-yourself industry will do well. ; Oregon quarterback Justin Herbert says he prepared for the NFL draft at his home in Eugene by having his two brothers serve as his weightlifting spotters and pass catchers. Mitchell Herbert is a 23-year-old former wide receiver for Montana State and Patrick

Herbert is a 19-year-old tight end who was a redshirt freshman with the Ducks last season. Justin Herbert says he's been throwing for an hour a day during the state's stay-at-home orders over the coronavirus outbreak while he awaits today's remote NFL draft. ; All employees of a Tyson Fresh Meats beef plant near the Tri-Cities will eventually be tested for COVID-19 and then sent home to self-isolate until test results come back. The Tri-City Herald reported the decision came on Tuesday as the number of known confirmed and probable cases associated with the plant reached 100. The case total includes 91 residents of Benton and Franklin counties, eight in Walla Walla County and one in Umatilla County, Oregon. The plant employs more than 1,400 workers to slaughter and pack beef in Wallula, just south of Pasco. ; Two pet cats in New York state have tested positive for the coronavirus, marking the first confirmed cases in companion animals in the United States. The cats' symptoms included coughing and slightly runny noses. The cats, which had mild respiratory illnesses and are expected to recover, are thought to have contracted the virus from people in their households or neighborhoods, according to scientists with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The finding, which comes after positive tests in some tigers and lions at the Bronx Zoo, adds to a small number of confirmed cases of the virus in animals worldwide. Zoo officials said they believe the animals were exposed by a keeper who had the virus but wasn't showing symptoms at the time. Staffers who work with the cats have since started wearing infection-protection garb. U.S. authorities, including the nation's top infectious disease expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci, say that while it appears some animals can get the virus from people, there's no indication pets are transmitting it to human beings. A top CDC official who works on human-animal health connections stressed that there's no need for pet owners to panic, or rush to test their animals. Still, the CDC is recommending that people prevent their pets from interacting with people or animals outside their homes -- by keeping cats indoors and dogs out of dog parks, for instance. Coronavirus testing for pets is not recommended unless an animal has been exposed to a person with COVID-19 and the animal has symptoms of the disease — and tests have ruled out more common possible causes. Veterinarians who think testing is warranted are supposed to contact state officials to decide. The animal tests are done at veterinary labs and use different chemicals than human tests, which have been in short supply during the crisis. The American Veterinary Medical Association says pets can stay in homes where a person has COVID-19, so long as the animal can be cared for, adding that during the pandemic pets and people each need the support of the other. Scientists studying the virus have been looking closely at links between human and animals. While a consensus is still evolving, the leading theory is that infection among humans began at an animal market in China, probably from an animal that got the virus from a bat. / EDUCATION, SCHOOLS: The latest Nation's Report Card gives eighth-grade students unsatisfactory marks in U.S. history, geography and civics. The assessments, given for the first time digitally on tablets instead of paper, were administered from January to March 2018. History and geography scores were lower than in the last round of tests in 2014 and civics scores didn't move. Also troubling is that lower-performing students lost more ground than middle- and higher-performing students. That mirrors a pattern seen in recent reading and math scores. The problem is likely to be made worse by the loss of class time caused by the coronavirus outbreak, which is expected to have a greater impact on lower-performing students. The results from the National Assessment of Educational Progress were released today. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY, EVENTS, HOMELESSNESS, SAFETY: Governor Kate Brown says hospitals, doctors' and dentists' offices and other healthcare providers can resume attending to patients for non-urgent procedures on May 1, and that Oregon is expecting "extremely large shipments" of protective masks and gowns. But health officials also warned that Oregon, like many other states, still lacks adequate testing capability to isolate and quash pockets of outbreaks of the coronavirus. Brown told reporters at a virtual news conference that around 8,000 tests are now being conducted weekly and that the number will need to more than double. Dr. Bruce Goldberg of the governor's Medical Advisory Panel told reporters the state and all 35 counties need to have robust contact tracing. He says testing and tracing are the best ways to continue to keep people safe and to start to approach some degree of normalcy. Brown's March 19 executive order cancelling non-urgent, elective procedures — or postponing them to June 15 and beyond — was aimed at ensuring a supply of masks and other Personal Protective Equipment for those on the front-lines in diagnosing and treating COVID-19 patients. But starting May 1, healthcare and medical facilities can resume treatments so long as they minimize the risk of coronavirus transmission, maintain adequate hospital capacity in the event of a surge in COVID-19 cases and demonstrate that they have enough Personal Protective Equipment for their workers. It was the first small but important step in reopening Oregon's economy. Hospitals and other facilities have been hurt financially with the loss of non-emergency surgeries and procedures and tens of thousands of healthcare workers are seeking unemployment benefits. Becky Hultberg, president of the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems, said members are determining how their facilities can best meet the conditions outlined. Some of the hospitals hit hardest financially are in rural areas. ; In a largely party-line vote, members of the Legislature's Emergency Board met online and allocated more than \$30 million to provide relief to Oregonians impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The money will fund rental assistance, a worker relief, small business assistance and domestic violence housing support. The \$10 million for the worker relief fund could be used to make payments to workers who don't qualify for unemployment benefits because they are in the country illegally. But applicants must live in Oregon and show they lost their job in Oregon due to the pandemic. ; COVID-19 claimed five more lives in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 83, the Oregon Health Authority reported Thursday. The patients who died were between the ages of 70 and 94. Four were residents of Portland's Multnomah County, the fifth lived nearby in Clackamas County. All had underlying medical conditions. State health officials yesterday reported 68 new cases of COVID-19, bringing Oregon's total confirmed cases 2,127. Health officials yesterday warned that our state still

lacks adequate testing capability to track and isolate patients affected by local outbreaks of the coronavirus. Governor Brown said during yesterday's online media briefing that Oregon will soon be receiving a machine made by Ohio-based Battelle to clean and disinfect medical and surgical masks. Battelle company officials say the machine can decontaminate up to 80,000 masks per day. ; Lane County Public Health officials yesterday announced two more positive tests for the coronavirus, bringing our local count to 50, including one suspected COVID-19 death six weeks ago. The cases include a woman in her 40s who lives in rural Lane County. Health investigators traced her infection to an earlier case at a small office whose employees have little contact with the public. The second case is a woman in her 70s who lives in the Eugene-Springfield area. She is recovering at home. Since first local cases were recorded, half of Lane County's COVID-19 cases have recovered. The 25 patients were considered "recovered" 72 hours after they have stopping coughing and running a fever—and have done so without the help of medications. ; Another 36,700 Oregonians filed initial claims for unemployment benefits last week. That puts the total number of filings since mid-March at 333,700. Again last week, the leisure and hospitality sector accounted for the greatest number of initial claims: 8,000 workers from restaurants, hotels and related businesses filed for benefits. Since the Week of March 15, when the first of the state restrictions went into effect to slow the spread of the coronavirus, roughly 60,800 leisure and hospitality have filed jobless claims. Other sectors with the largest initial claims totals since mid-March include 30,900 workers in the health care and social assistance fields and 24,300 employees who lost their jobs in retail trade. But analysts say every sector of Oregon's economy has seen increased claims activity, including 16,500 in professional and business services, and 18,200 in manufacturing since the Week of March 15. Last week, 2,900 of the claims came from workers in Lane County. But many workers still have not seen their jobless benefits, as the Oregon Employment Department continues to struggle with processing the record number of claims. On the flip side, some workers began receiving those additional \$600 federal weekly payments earlier this month, but the state accidentally sent some people two weeks of payment in a single \$1,200 bonus check or direct-deposit, meaning they did not receive any federal money this week. The Employment Department paid out \$119 million in benefits last week, has close to quintupled its claims processing staff from 106 to 520, and is working to create an additional claims contact center. But state officials say they still have close to 100,000 applications to process. Many unemployed workers complain they're still receiving error messages or few updates when they try to check the status of their claims online. On Monday, officials said average telephone wait times were running more than two hours. Adding to the challenge, the reprogramming of the Employment Department's computer system still is underway so Oregon has not been able to issue jobless benefits to the self-employed, contract, and gig workers who are newly eligible for unemployment funds under that massive federal stimulus effort. Officials say programming, testing, and staff training is underway to handle those claims and if the testing is successful, they anticipate opening the program for applications sometime next week. The Oregonian and OregonLive report state officials have hired two retired programmers familiar with the department's 1990s-era computer system to help speed the effort. ; Some other major Northwest employers are working to incrementally reopen. Leaders of McMenamin's, which operates 65 restaurants and pubs and 12 hotels in Oregon and Washington, is reopening its restaurants today with limited take-out and delivery menus. Five-and-a-half weeks ago, as "Stay Home" orders went into effect across Oregon and Washington, McMenamin's closed its properties, laying off close to 3,000 employees. ; They say there's nothing they'd rather be doing right now than putting the final touches on what would've been Race Week for the 2020 Eugene Marathon. But instead of setting up the expo, filling thousands of

goodie bags, and getting ready to see everyone at the starting and finish line, the event's canceled until next year. The full marathon was set for Sunday, April 26, on the heels of the weekend's half marathon, Eugene 5K and Kids' Duck Dash. Coordinators say they know registrants have put many hours and miles into training for the race. They hope that on "Marathon Sunday" you lace up your shoes and go for a run or a walk. Eugene Marathon officials say it won't be the race anyone planned, but it's a good opportunity to get in a few miles and prepare for next year, and return to "Running in the Footsteps of Legends." ; Today (Friday, April 24) from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., there's a "Stuff the Truck Drive" at the Eugene School District offices at 200 North Monroe Street in Eugene. It's sponsored by Kendall Auto Group, the Eugene Emeralds, Heritage Distilling Company, Funk/Levis & Associates, Eugene Education Foundation, Bethel Education Foundation, and Springfield Education Foundation. Volunteers are accepting donations for: Non-perishable food; Grocery and restaurant gift cards; Household cleaning supplies, laundry soap, sponges, etc.; Diapers, pull-ups, and wipes; Toiletries: toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.; Feminine hygiene products; School supplies; Pet food. Donors are asked to put items in their vehicles' trunks or hatchbacks and stay in their vehicles when they arrive to the drop-off location. An on-site attendant will remove the items for you. In an effort to limit spread of infection, only healthy individuals should drop off donations. Individuals not feeling well or are exhibiting any symptoms to include fever, tiredness and dry cough should stay home. If you're dropping off a gift card or cash, you may specify to which district it should go or make it a general donation. ; It's hard enough to "shelter in place" at home. But what if you don't have a home? Eugene's White Bird Clinic taking the lead this month in assisting many of Lane County's estimated 4,000 unhoused individuals and families. White Bird staff say people experiencing homelessness are not camping, they are struggling to survive. That's tougher during the pandemic but keeping them safe and healthy keeps the community safer. White Bird Clinic is operating a COVID-19 Resource Distribution Center for the unhoused and is seeking donations ranging from tents and sleeping bags to clothing and personal hygiene items. They may be dropped off daily between 9:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 341 East 12th Avenue. ; President Trump will be holding a signing ceremony today for a bill providing a nearly \$500 billion infusion of coronavirus spending, rushing new relief to employers and hospitals buckling under the strain of a pandemic that has claimed almost 50,000 American lives and one in six U.S. jobs. The measure passed Congress almost unanimously Thursday, but the lopsided tally belies a potentially bumpier path ahead as battle lines are being formed for much more ambitious future legislation that may prove far more difficult to maneuver through Congress. The bipartisan measure passed as lawmakers gathered in Washington, D.C., as a group for the first time since March 27, adopting stricter social distancing rules while seeking to prove they can do their work despite the COVID-19 crisis. Lawmakers' face masks and bandannas added a somber tone to their effort to aid a nation staggered by the health crisis and devastating economic costs of the pandemic. At the heart of the bill is the Trump administration's \$250 billion funding request to replenish a fund to help small- and medium-size businesses with payroll, rent and other expenses. The payroll program provides forgivable loans so businesses can continue paying workers while forced to stay closed for social distancing and stay-at-home orders. It also contains \$100 billion demanded by Democrats for hospitals and a nationwide testing program, along with a \$60 billion set-aside for small banks and an alternative network of community development banks that focus on development in urban neighborhoods and rural areas ignored by many lenders. There's also \$60 billion for small-business loans and grants delivered through the Small Business Administration's existing disaster aid program. Passage of more coronavirus relief is likely in the weeks ahead. Supporters are already warning

that the business-backed Payroll Protection Program will exhaust the new \$250 billion almost immediately. Launched just weeks ago, the program quickly reached its lending limit after approving nearly 1.7 million loans. That left thousands of small businesses in limbo as they sought help. All told, the four coronavirus relief bills crafted by Congress would deliver at least \$2.4 trillion for business relief, testing and treatment, and direct payments to individuals and the unemployed, according to the Congressional Budget Office. The deficit is virtually certain to breach \$3 trillion this year and is likely to go well above that when CBO issues new data as early as today. Among the candidates for aid in the next bill is the Postal Service, which has more than 600,000 workers but is getting clobbered by COVID-19-related revenue losses and pension obligations. ; The Oregon Department of Revenue this week announced an expansion of the types of tax returns for which filing and payment deadlines have been extended due to COVID-19. For personal income, transit self-employment, estate, partnership, S-Corporation, and corporate excise/income taxpayers and filers: The Oregon return filing due date is automatically extended until July 15, 2020 for any returns due on or after April 1, 2020 and before July 15, 2020. The Oregon return filing due date is automatically extended until July 15, 2020 for any returns with a valid six-month extension period ending on or after April 1, 2020 and before July 15, 2020. The Oregon tax payment deadline for payments due with the tax year 2019 tax return is automatically extended to July 15, 2020. Corporate excise/income or personal income tax returns required to be filed with regard to an estate or trust pursuant to ORS 316.267 to ORS 316.317 are also eligible for this relief. Fiscal year returns and related payments due after July 15, 2020 are not extended at this time. The administrative order also extends the deadline for filing an application with the county assessor for property tax deferral for tax year 2020–21 under ORS 311.672 to June 15, 2020. Taxpayers should not skip or reduce current payments. Those who are unable to pay their debt in full can resolve outstanding debt and avoid automated collection by arranging a payment agreement with the department. Those unable to comply with their existing payment agreement between now and June 30, 2020 can request a modification to their payment plan by calling the department at least five business days before their payment due date. By law, interest will continue to accrue on any unpaid balances. ; Several auto insurance companies have been working with the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation to provide auto insurance premium refunds and credits to Oregonians. The refunds and credits are the result of the reduced risk of auto accidents during the pandemic and the state's "Stay Home" executive orders. The division is encouraging all carriers doing business in Oregon to consider providing refunds that reflect the reduced risk of auto liabilities due to the emergency order. ; The Environmental Protection Agency is reminding people to only use disinfectant on surfaces. The EPA issued the update after President Trump suggested it might be helpful to inject disinfectant to combat the coronavirus. The EPA says, "Never apply the product to yourself or others. Do not ingest disinfectant products." William Bryan of the Department of Homeland Security said at a White House briefing on Thursday "emerging results" from new research suggest solar light has a powerful effect in killing the virus on surfaces and in the air. But he said there was no consideration of internal use of disinfectants. Trump's hypothesis drew a flood of comments on Twitter. ; The maker of Lysol and another disinfectant says its products should not be used internally to treat COVID-19. The company issued a statement today to combat what it said was "recent speculation" after President Trump raised the possibility of disinfectants being injected into people to combat the virus. The disinfectant manufacturer said that "under no circumstance should our disinfectant products be administered into the human body (through injection, ingestion or any other route)." The White House says the media took Trump's comments out of context to generate negative headlines. Researchers are testing the effect of disinfectants

on virus-laden saliva and respiratory fluids in the laboratory, but not as injections, a Trump administration official says. ; The Food and Drug Administration warned today that people should not take chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine to treat COVID-19 outside a hospital or formal clinical trial. It comes after FDA officials compiled multiple reports of "serious heart rhythm problems." Many of those adverse effects occurred in patients with the virus who were treated with the malaria drugs, often in combination with azithromycin, also known as Z-Pak. The president has described such drugs as a potential "game changer," although results from clinical trials are not yet in to show whether they are effective. /

SAFETY: Investigators are working to determine what caused yesterday afternoon's fatal single-vehicle crash on Cedar Flat Road east of Springfield. It was reported shortly before 3:30 p.m. Lane County Sheriff's deputies and McKenzie Fire and Rescue responded and located a Toyota Tacoma that had gone off the road, struck a tree and caught fire. The vehicle's lone occupant died at the scene. The person's name will be released once relatives are notified. ; A motorcyclist was badly injured in a collision with a FedEx delivery truck in Glenwood yesterday afternoon. It happened shortly after 1 p.m. Springfield Police say the motorcycle, driven by 49-year-old Roy Michael Ackerson, was traveling near at East 19th and Franklin Boulevard when it struck the delivery truck, which had turned in front of it. Police say when emergency crews arrived, Ackerson was unresponsive but breathing. He was rushed to the hospital with possibly life-threatening injuries. The truck's driver, 59-year-old Kenneth William Lowery, is cooperating with the investigation. The Springfield Police Department's Major Accident Investigation Team is handling the investigation. /

SPORTS: The Los Angeles Chargers are hoping they have found their future franchise quarterback after selecting Oregon's Justin Herbert with the sixth overall pick of the NFL draft. It is the first time the Chargers have selected a quarterback in the first round since they took Eli Manning with the top overall pick in 2004. Manning was traded 90 minutes later to the New York Giants for Philip Rivers. Los Angeles had a vacancy at quarterback after letting go of Rivers, their longtime starter. Plus, the Chargers plan to move into a new stadium and could use someone to help sell tickets. Herbert had a strong postseason, including a terrific Senior Bowl week that raised his stock. At 6-foot-6, 236 pounds, he has the size the pros like, and he's a good athlete. Analysts say if he can improve his passing accuracy, he'll do well. "This is a special opportunity. Words can't describe how excited and thrilled and fired up I am for this," Herbert said. ; The NCAA is moving closer to allowing Division I athletes to earn money from endorsements and sponsorship deals they can strike on their own as early as next year. Recommended rule changes that would clear the way for athletes to earn money from their names, images and likeness are being reviewed by college sports administrators this week before being sent to the NCAA Board of Governors, which meets Monday and Tuesday. A person who has reviewed the recommendations says the rules would allow athletes to make sponsorship and endorsement deals with all kinds of companies and third parties. /

POLITICS, ELECTIONS: The Oregon Supreme Court has ruled that limits on campaign contributions are legal in Oregon. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports the court on Thursday ruled that limits do not violate the state constitution, which means controls may be put on the unlimited flow of cash into campaigns statewide. It could also end Oregon's distinction as one of the biggest "money states" in American politics. The court ruled that \$500 campaign limits adopted by Multnomah County voters in 2016 do not run afoul of the state constitution. The ruling sends the case back to a lower court to decide whether Multnomah County's dollar limits themselves are too low. /

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Lane County Public Health officials say we've had 50 positive tests for the coronavirus since the pandemic arrived in our area. On Friday, they announced a second death, a 59-year-old man from the Eugene-Springfield area who died from multiple organ failure that officials believe was a complication of COVID-19. They say the patient had previous, underlying health conditions. Still, public health officials say 25 Lane County residents are considered "recovered," which means they went 72 hours without a fever or cough and did so without the aid of medication. None of the county's remaining patients are hospitalized. All 23 are resting at home. ; Officials with the Oregon Health Authority yesterday announced 58 new positive tests for the coronavirus and four additional deaths. That brings the total number of cases in Oregon to 2,311 and the death toll to 91. Health officials said all of those who died had underlying health conditions. ; Lane County will not be asking local hotels and motels to house recovering COVID-19 patients, after all. County officials said this morning that local non-profit Sponsors, Inc., has agreed to provide as many as 10 tiny home units in their Jeffery Commons project for COVID-19 recovery for unhoused individuals. The recently constructed units are being made available on a temporary basis to Lane County, free of charge. Lane County will oversee placement, recovery services, and clean-up. Sponsors Director Paul Solomon says the organization recognized there was a critical need to provide temporary housing for homeless individuals recovering from the virus. Lane County purchased the former VA Clinic at 100 River Avenue earlier this month to serve as recovery center for the unhoused. But that facility is still being renovated, which led to the county proposal to require hotels and motels to accept vouchers to pay for rooms where homeless patients would complete their convalescence. A number of local lodging operators pushed back amid concerns about monitoring those patients, keeping them isolated from other guests and cleaning rooms afterward. County officials said they had guidelines to manage and isolate patients and a contract with an organization that can clean the rooms to CDC specifications. But in this morning's news release, county officials say the Sponsors housing option means they will not proceed with the hotel voucher plan. The Tiny Home Community is funded in part with grants from the Meyer Memorial Trust, The Collins Foundation, Lane County Housing Improvement Program, the Oregon Community Foundation, and generous community donations. ; Governor Kate Brown announced late last week that she is lifting her executive order that restricted non-urgent health care procedures. The change takes effect on Friday, May 1. Brown's mid-March executive order canceled non-urgent, elective procedures — or postponed them to June 15 and beyond. It was intended to ensure that a supply of critically needed Personal Protective Equipment or "PPE,"

including masks, gowns and gloves, went to those working on the front lines to diagnose and treat COVID-19 patients. It came as the governor announced that Oregon is expecting “extremely large shipments” of protective masks and gowns, that testing capacity has increased, and that Oregonians have helped “flatten the curve” of coronavirus infections by following the state’s “Stay Home, Save Lives” orders. Hospitals and other facilities have been hurt financially with the loss of non-emergency surgeries and procedures and tens of thousands of healthcare workers are seeking unemployment benefits. This change won’t put everyone in the healthcare sector back to work immediately and won’t clear the backlog of procedures overnight, but it’s a big step forward. ; Masks for medical workers have been in desperately short supply in Oregon, which risks exposing healthcare workers and patients to the virus. But the governor says that in the coming days and weeks the state expects to begin receiving millions more masks. As of April 17, the state had received a total of only 920,000 surgical masks and 270,000 N95 respirator masks, according to the Oregon Health Authority. But last week alone, a spokesperson in Governor Brown’s office says the state received nearly 2 million surgical masks, and this week expects to will receive close to 4 million KN95 masks, which are similar to N95 masks. Members of the Oregon China Council announced Friday that close to 50,000 masks arrived at Los Angeles International Airport on Thursday and are being transported to Oregon. They’re a gift from the provincial government in Fujian Province, which has been Oregon’s sister state since 1984. ; An N95 mask disinfecting machine also is coming. To Eugene. The Battelle Decontamination System uses hydrogen peroxide to disinfect masks and can disinfect as many as 85,000 per day. State health officials say it will be located in Eugene so that it can service masks from several outlying areas. They say Battelle also has deployed its mask decontamination systems to Washington state, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Ohio, Illinois and Georgia. ; Amid a global shortage of ventilators, a team from Oregon Health & Science University in Portland has come up with a low-cost version produced with 3D-printing technology. OHSU officials made the announcement Friday. Albert Chi, an OHSU trauma surgeon who previously pioneered 3D-printed prosthetics for children and is leading the effort. He says the goal is to provide it for free to whoever needs it. Chi says that depending on the 3D printer, a single ventilator can be manufactured in three to eight hours and made operational with the addition of low-cost springs available at any hardware store. The low-tech ventilators require no electricity, only a working oxygen tank, and can be replicated for less than \$10 of material. Chi and his team filed on Friday for emergency use authorization from the Food and Drug Administration to deploy the design across the country. If approved, any hospital with access to a commercial-grade 3D printer would have the ability to produce a new ventilator within a matter of hours. ; Those are great developments. But there are still struggles on other fronts, including expanding testing capacity and increasing the number of health investigators across Oregon’s 36 counties. The intent is to ensure that every time a patient tests positive for the coronavirus, it’s possible to determine how and where they were infected, through a process known as “contact tracing.” The process relies on determining how many tests and health investigators are needed to provide a complete picture of the levels of infection and transmission in our state. Lane County Public Health officials say their contact tracers have done a great job finding sources of infection. But they say many other counties have smaller staffs or fewer people available for such health investigations. ; The Oregon Health Authority on Friday released a modeling report update that indicates the efforts of Oregonians to stay home and practice physical distancing has helped prevent as many as 70,000 COVID-19 cases and avoided more than 1,500 hospitalizations. Dr. Dean Sidelinger, the state’s epidemiologist, says he knows the sacrifices of staying home have cost Oregonians. But he says it’s important to continue physical distancing, even as

we move toward easing restrictions. ; Eastern Oregon's Baker County has not had a single confirmed case of the coronavirus. The Oregonian and OregonLive report a collection of Baker County's local leaders, including county commissioners, health officials and hospital administrators have submitted a 14-page proposal to Gov. Kate Brown to loosen restrictions on some businesses. The effort calls for the creation of an incident command board that includes a business and medical case review unit that would use an information-based, phased approach to reopening. Officials in Baker County say visits to medical facilities from patients exhibiting coronavirus-like symptoms are on the decline and that they have enough personal protective equipment and surge capacity at the local hospital. ; Bobby Begay, a Yakama tribal member and Celilo Village leader, died Friday from complications related to COVID-19. That's according to a Facebook post from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. The Oregonian and OregonLive report Begay was deeply involved in tribal culture and the fishing community and was a lead fish technician for the commission. He also took part in the annual tribal lamprey harvest at Willamette Falls. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs reported last week that two people in Warm Springs have tested positive for the coronavirus. The tribes warned that people who attended the First Salmon Feast at Celilo Village on April 11 and 12 might have been exposed to the virus and asked anyone who attended to stay home until April 26. ; Starting today, Lane Transit District will make schedule adjustments on some of its routes to prevent overcrowding on buses. Part of the effort involves increasing service on bus routes that have higher rider numbers. The intent is to offer essential workers and those who need to make essential trips, more convenient bus service to get them where they need to go. Rider reminders: LTD is limiting its 40-foot buses to 15 passengers and 60-foot buses to 20 passengers, far fewer than normal capacity. All LTD passengers must enter and exit the bus through the rear doors, unless they are elderly or require use of the ramp at the front door. Passengers are required to cover their nose and mouth with a mask, bandana, or other covering while riding the bus to prevent the possible spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. LTD employees continue to take measures to clean buses as they stop at the Eugene and Springfield stations. All buses are cleaned nightly. Also starting today, all Lane Transit District employees and vendors will be required to have their temperature taken before entering a District building or facility. For LTD employees working at the Glenwood facility there will be a trailer set up and staffed to take temperatures outside the east door by the Operations Department. A designated employee at the Eugene Station will be taking colleagues' temperatures before they start work each day, and at the Willow Creek and Springfield stations there will be an operations staff member that will take employees temperatures early in their work shift. Any of LTD's 339 employees or vendors with a temperature of 100 degrees or more will be sent home. LTD employees who do stay home due to illness can utilize the Emergency Paid Sick Leave under the CARES Act. All LTD employees are required to wear masks while operating buses or on LTD property. LTD paratransit service, RideSource, continues to operate regular Sunday service Monday through Saturday for only essential trips. On Sundays, RideSource will operate a Sunday-level service for medically essential trips only. There is currently no Sunday service on any LTD bus route. ; The nation's baking craze means busy times for a local flour mill. The Camas Country Mill south of Junction City buys directly from Willamette Valley growers and supplies their stone-milled whole grain flours to artisan bakeries and sells to consumers. Owners Tom and Sue Hunton say they've seen online orders increase to 10 to 15 times of normal. Plus, quarantined bakers in 50 states who are unable to buy flour at the grocery store have been shopping online from small mills and the folks at Camas Country Mill say 80 percent of their online orders the past few weeks are from new customers. They've even received calls from grocery stores looking for retail

packages of flour, hoping to fill the shelves while larger suppliers ramp up production. ; Agriculture experts say wheat is Oregon's most exported agricultural crop; more than 85 percent of the nearly 3 billion pounds of wheat produced annually in the state is destined for export to Asia. Oregon wheat growers, primarily grow soft wheat varieties. Because of their low gluten content, soft wheat flours are best for making pastries, cakes and Asian-style noodles. Since it's different from the primarily hard types of wheat in the bread and all-purpose flours flying off of store shelves, Oregon wheat growers haven't felt an acute spike in demand the way the grocery industry has. Instead, they're busy tending to the winter crop still in the fields, battling weeds and preparing for the busy season ahead. ; At the Bob's Red Mill production facility in Milwaukie, outside of Portland, demand for flour and other baking products is surging and the company has hired new workers. It comes as demand for Bob's line of flours and baking mixes has led to short supplies at grocery stores and online. Bob's customer service department is fielding calls from people asking for help making ingredient substitutions, and what to do with sourdough discard. One of the most asked questions is whether nutritional yeast will make bread rise. Says one call-taker: "Unfortunately, the answer is no!" ; Oregon Governor Kate Brown on Sunday apologized on Twitter to people who have encountered problems trying to apply for unemployment during the coronavirus crisis. A record number of people applied for benefits, but many have been stymied by breakdowns in the system in recent weeks. Oregon Employment Department managers have hired retired computer programmers to update the aging online filing and payment system. The agency also has hired hundreds of new claims analysts to process the record 334,000 filings. ; The Paycheck Protection Program reopens today to provide lifeline loans to many American small businesses. But it's feared the money will run out quickly and might not even cover the needs the business owners whose loan applications were on hold after the fund ran out of money earlier this month. The measure cleared Congress and received the president's signature last week. It includes more than \$250 billion to replenish the fund that can help small- and medium-size businesses with payroll, rent and other expenses. The program provides forgivable loans so businesses can continue paying workers while forced to stay closed for social distancing and stay-at-home orders. There's also \$60 billion for small-business loans and grants delivered through the Small Business Administration's existing disaster aid program. Launched just weeks ago, the Paycheck Protection Program quickly reached its lending limit after approving nearly 1.7 million loans. That left thousands of small businesses in limbo as they sought help. The four coronavirus relief bills approved so far by Congress would deliver at least \$2.4 trillion for business relief, testing and treatment, and direct payments to individuals and the unemployed, according to the Congressional Budget Office. ; The federal government has already approved or given out more than 2 million loans and grants to small businesses totaling nearly \$360 billion; another \$310 billion is on the way to one of the programs. Still, the money might at best be a stopgap for companies with little to no revenue coming in. And the new funds are expected to go so quickly, fueling concerns that thousands of owners of smaller "mom & pop" businesses will again be unable to get loans. There's no way to predict how many companies will file for bankruptcy. There were more than 160,000 bankruptcy filings from 2008 to 2010, during the Great Recession and its aftermath, according to statistics compiled by the federal court system. The majority were for liquidations. although some companies restructured their debt and continued operating under Chapter 11. Many companies, however, just shut their doors, and that's likely to be the case again. According to some estimates, 170,000 companies failed during the recession. But the Small Business Reorganization Act, which took effect in February, might encourage more companies to seek Chapter 11. The law is aimed at allowing owners to retain their ownership rather than lose their companies to their creditors; that is

generally what happens in Chapter 11. Experts say the law also streamlines the reorganization process so a company is not wiped out by attorneys' fees. Another change under the law is that a bankruptcy judge can approve the reorganization over creditors' objections. Business owners will try to avoid bankruptcy by seeking leniency from landlords, lenders and vendors. But many legal experts say that with their companies' financial troubles beyond their control because of the virus outbreak, many will file for Chapter 11 because the stigma that bankruptcy has long held will be gone. ; Scammers are targeting small businesses with a promise of access to paycheck protection loans. The Paycheck Protection Program is designed to provide forgivable loans to help small businesses and their workers who have been hurt by the coronavirus pandemic. Investigators across the U.S. say they've heard of scammers promising guidance and advice about getting a Paycheck Protection Program loan and asking for a fee. They con artists also are promising to get their victims on the top of the list for a loan even though the loans are approved on a first-come, first served basis. The loans have no application fee and there is no way to purchase "front of the line" spots. ; The average U.S. price of regular-grade gasoline fell 9 cents over the past two weeks, to \$1.93 per gallon. Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg of the Lundberg Survey said Sunday that prices at the pump have dropped 61 cents over the past nine weeks and 80 cents since mid-October. Lundberg says prices are expected to continue their slide as demand declines amid widespread stay-at-home orders during the coronavirus pandemic. A survey by AAA, the automobile club, finds average gas prices in Oregon at \$2.42 per gallon this morning and \$2.34 here in Lane County. That's down four cents from a week ago and 33 cents from one month ago. The average price of diesel in Eugene-Springfield is \$2.60, down 2 cents from last week and 23 cents from last month. ; The National Frozen Foods produce plant in Albany, Oregon, has shut down production because of a COVID-19 outbreak that has sickened 10 people. Linn County Public Health said Friday of the illnesses linked to the plant, eight are workers and two are associated with those employees. Company vice president Steve Schossberger says the shutdown started Friday and will continue at least through the weekend. He says a deep cleaning of the Albany plant will be done with the oversight of Linn County Public Health. National Frozen Foods opened its Albany plant in 1982 and puts out millions of pounds of frozen produce each year. / ELECTIONS: Your Voters' Pamphlet for the May Primary Election went in the mail last week. Procrastinators, you have until tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. to return your voter registration if you're not already in the system. If you've moved since the last election, you need to update your registration, as well. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION, CRIME: Lane County Public Health officials say there were no new positive test results for the coronavirus yesterday, meaning the total held at 50 for a third day. Twenty-five of those patients have recovered, 23 are resting at home. There currently are no patients in local hospitals. Two people have died from complications of the virus. More than 3,000 people have been tested in our area. Dr. Patrick Luedtke, Lane County's Public Health Officer, says testing is expanding locally but it needs to increase more in the coming weeks to provide an accurate picture of the level of infection locally. Ideally, Luedtke says he'd like to see local testing increase to 1,000 tests per week before the county and state consider a broad lifting of "Stay Home" restrictions. ; Officials with the Oregon Health Authority yesterday announced 43 new positive tests for the coronavirus and one additional death. That brings the total number of cases in Oregon to 2,354 and the death toll to 92. Health officials said the person who died was a 91-year-old Washington County woman who had underlying health conditions. Of the 247 patents who remain hospitalized statewide with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, 67 are being treated in intensive-care units and 32 of those are on ventilators. More than 51,000 people have been tested in Oregon. ; Lane County will not be asking local hotels and motels to house recovering COVID-19 patients, after all. County officials said Monday that local non-profit Sponsors, Inc., has agreed to provide as many as 10 tiny home units in their Jeffery Commons project for COVID-19 recovery for unhoused individuals. The recently constructed units are being be made available on a temporary basis to Lane County, free of charge. Lane County will oversee placement, recovery services, and clean-up. Sponsors Director Paul Solomon says the organization recognized there was a critical need to provide temporary housing for homeless individuals recovering from the virus. Lane County purchased the former VA Clinic at 100 River Avenue earlier this month to serve as recovery center for the unhoused. But that facility is still being renovated, which led to the county proposal to require hotels and motels to accept vouchers to pay for rooms where homeless patients would complete their convalescence. A number of local lodging operators pushed back amid concerns about monitoring those patients, keeping them isolated from other guests and cleaning rooms afterward. County officials said they had guidelines to manage and isolate patients and a contract with an organization that can clean the rooms to CDC specifications. But in Monday morning's news release, county officials say the Sponsors housing option means they will not proceed with the hotel voucher plan. ; The University of Oregon is continuing to offer its spring and summer classes online. But campus leaders say they are planning to hold in-person, on-campus instruction this fall. But in a Monday letter, U-of-O President Michael Schill says Fall Term will look very different from years

past. Schill says a planning group is considering alterations to class schedules, reducing the size of some larger classes, changing room assignments to allow for physical distancing, and an expansion of online classes. He says there will be added safeguards on campus to reducing the proximity of more than 5,000 faculty and staff in their offices and labs, along with fewer students in residence halls and dining facilities. There also will be enhanced cleaning of U-of-O facilities. Schill says the university also will offer coronavirus testing and contact tracing for students and employees. The U-of-O's president noted that the campus budget is an issue. Some national experts predict enrollment at colleges and universities will drop 15 percent next fall. Schill says the University of Oregon is tuition-dependent and state support might also be lower than expected. He writes that some ideas already have been circulated, such as a temporary pay reduction program for employees, which will continue to be discussed with employee groups. But Schill notes that the crisis could permanently reshape the university in the coming years and could mean operating on a permanently reduced budget. Last week, U-of-O leaders announced that commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2020 would be held online both for the spring and summer. The virtual ceremony to confer degrees will be Saturday, June 20. A live celebration webcast will be followed by the release of prerecorded recognition of graduates in each school and college. Students will have an opportunity to personalize their individual recognition by adding a photo, message and short video. Individual schools and colleges may also be hosting additional livestreamed or prerecorded events. Graduates and their families also will be invited to participate in next spring's in-person commencement June 14, 2021. The two classes each will receive distinct recognition as they celebrate together in what will be the largest graduation ceremony ever at the U-of-O. ; Might many of Oregon's popular outdoor recreation sites begin reopening by the middle of next month? The Statesman-Journal reports a committee of outdoor recreation officials is roughing out plans for a possible reopening. It comes after a month-long closure of state parks, trailheads and boat ramps to limit spread of COVID-19. While some locations might offer openings in early May, officials say the phased rollout could call for some popular Oregon's state parks day-use areas to unlock their gates by mid- to late May. But officials say campgrounds likely would not open for a few months. Oregon State Parks and Recreation officials caution that they still have not settled on which locations would reopen first, nor what limited services they would offer when they do. Concerns about the spread of the virus were heightened during the first sunny weekend of Spring Break, when Oregonians crowded popular beaches, parks and trailheads, ignoring social distancing guidelines. But parks officials worry about managing sudden crowds and communities near popular recreation spots say they're worried about the risk of infection to their residents and the possibility of overwhelming their limited hospital and medical systems. Oregon's outdoor closures have sparked widespread frustration as hundreds of people entered closed areas, risking citations from police. Some say there's little evidence the coronavirus spreads in an outdoor environment the way it does indoors, and that it's hypocritical to keep golf courses open while closing remote trailheads. State officials counter that the whole point of the closures is to keep people close to home and stop them from spreading the virus, often unknowingly, into rural communities. Even if they're outdoors, there's a good chance they stop for supplies and gasoline on the way. Some officials say even if parks, boat ramps and other locations gradually reopen, it's important to keep playgrounds and bathrooms closed to reduce the risk of transmission. When campgrounds eventually reopen, campers might be allowed only on every other space. ; The state's tourism promotion commission Travel Oregon is laying off 17 employees. Officials say they also are furloughing other workers and cutting pay as they cope with dropping revenues amid the coronavirus pandemic. ; It's one thing for a local charity to receive donated food,

quite another to turn it into nutritious meals. That led to a partnership between the Eugene Mission and Lane Community College. Local retailers such as Trader Joe's and Glory Bee Foods donated surplus food to the Mission after the COVID-19 outbreak curtailed business. But how do you quickly turn hundreds of frozen turkeys, 1,000 pounds of flour, 500 pounds of Hungarian paprika, untold amounts of dried fruits, peanut butter, honey, espresso chocolate flakes, and other foods, into meals for hungry people? The Eugene Mission teamed up with the chefs and planners at Lane Community College's Center for Meeting and Learning. The LCC crew this week is roasting the turkeys for vacuum-sealing, flash-freezing and distribution to local nonprofits. And they're working on plans to turn oats, sugar, flour, nuts, and dried fruits into granola bars for outreach teams, and to make and freeze casseroles from donated sauces, cheeses and other ingredients, that can be reheated at home. Organizers say it will make a big difference for people who are among some of the most at-risk for hunger and health issues in our community. ; Waiting for unemployment benefit checks or federal stimulus checks? A warning from the Eugene Police Department: Mail thieves want your checks, too. Police and postal inspectors offer these tips to prevent mail theft: Pick up your mail promptly after delivery. Don't leave it in your mailbox overnight. If you're expecting checks, credit cards, or other negotiable items and you can't get to it, ask a trusted friend or neighbor to pick up your mail. If you don't receive a check or other valuable mail you're expecting, contact the issuing agency immediately. Tell your Post Office when you'll be out of town, so they can hold your mail until you return. Report all suspected mail theft to a Postal Inspector. Consider starting a neighborhood watch program. By exchanging work and vacation schedules with trusted friends and neighbors, you can watch each other's mailboxes (as well as homes). Consult with your local Postmaster for the most up-to-date regulations on mailboxes, including the availability of locked centralized or curbside mailboxes. Eugene Police add: If you see mail theft in progress, or something that just doesn't look right like someone following a mail truck or hanging around a mailbox, please report it. For in-progress incidents, call 911. If you have information or surveillance images on mail theft occurrences, please call the non-emergency line at 541-682-5111. ; The second round of loan applications for the government's small business relief program has been slowed by computer issues at the Small Business Administration. Lenders complained Monday that they could not get their applications into the SBA system known as ETran that processes and approves loans. The agency said it notified lenders Sunday that it was limiting the number of applications any lender could submit at once. Some banks had thousands of applications ready to go yesterday morning but were stymied by the new application limits and jammed computer systems. The Small Business Administration began accepting applications Monday morning for \$310 billion in funding. The program's initial \$349 billion was exhausted in less than two weeks after more than 1.7 million loans were approved. That first round was also slowed by computer issues at the SBA. The ETran system normally handles fewer than 60,000 applications a year and was not built to handle the volume of applications it has been receiving this month. The fresh round of funding was expected to go quickly because banks already had thousands of applications on hand and were accepting more as they waited for Congress to approve the additional money. If the new funds are depleted, it's feared that many companies will be shut out unless lawmakers are willing to approve a third round. The loans offer forgiveness for the money owners spend on workers' pay. Millions of workers lost their jobs as companies such as restaurants, retailers, gyms and entertainment venues were forced to close to curb the spread of the virus. ; The governors of Nevada and Colorado say they will join three West Coast states in coordinating on issues for reopening society amid the coronavirus pandemic. Colorado Gov. Jared Polis and Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak said Monday that they are now part of the Western States Pact,

which was announced April 13 by the governors of Oregon, California, and Washington. The group of states do not have specific plans on how to scale back stay-at-home orders or reopen businesses. Instead, they said they would coordinate those decisions while first considering the health of residents. Northeastern states made a similar announcement April 13, including New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island. Nevada's and Colorado's governors emphasized the sharing of data and best practices among the Western states for modifying stay-at-home and other protective measures to combat the pandemic. Nevada governor called the partnership vital for recovery because of the millions of people from the West who vacation and travel to his state. ; Businesses should close break rooms. Restaurants should consider disposable menus and plates. Schools should have students eat lunch in their classrooms and space desks six feet apart. These are some of the recommendations offered in new federal plans designed to help restaurants, schools, churches and businesses safely reopen as states look to gradually lift their coronavirus restrictions. The draft guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has been sent to Washington but still could be revised before the Trump administration unveils it to the public. The recommendations were obtained from a federal official who was not authorized to release them publicly. The CDC put together so-called "decision trees" for at least seven types of organizations: schools, camps, childcare centers, religious facilities, mass transit systems, workplaces, and bars/restaurants. White House officials previously released a three-phase reopening plan for the nation that mentioned schools and other organizations that come back online at different points. But it had not previously offered more specific how-to guidelines for each kind of entity. The new guidance still amounts to little more than advice. State and local officials will be the ones to adopt and enforce them. Some state and local governments have already put rules in place for businesses that are operating. For example, Michigan requires businesses to limit how many customers can be in a store at one time. The guidance suggests churches hold services through video streaming or at drive-in or outdoor venues as much as possible. They encourage everyone to wear cloth face masks, use a stationary collection box, and schedule extra services if necessary, to make sure church pews are not packed and congregants stay at least six feet from each other. Restaurants should consider using throwaway menus, single-service condiments, and disposable forks, knives, spoons, and dishes. They should install sneeze guards at cash registers, limit the number of employees on a shift, and avoid having buffets, salad bars, and drink stations. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME, RECREATION, AGRICULTURE, SAFETY, ELDERS: The United States hit a troubling milestone yesterday: There are now more than one million confirmed cases of coronavirus infection. The nation's cumulative death toll stands at 58,355. To put that in perspective, that's roughly equal to the population of Corvallis—or attendance at an almost sold-out Oregon Duck football game at Eugene's Autzen Stadium. Nationwide, an estimated 116,000 people have recovered. The global tally of coronavirus cases now stands above 3.1 million with more than 217,000 dead and 935,000 recovered. That's according to numbers compiled from worldwide health organizations, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, by Johns Hopkins University. ; Officials with the Oregon Health Authority yesterday announced 31 new positive tests for the coronavirus and seven additional deaths. That brings the total number of cases in Oregon to 2,385 as the cumulative death toll climbs to 99. Health officials said the three women and four men who died ranged in age from 69 to 93. They were being treated at hospitals in Multnomah, Clackamas, Marion and Yamhill counties. All had underlying health conditions. Of the 243 patents who remain hospitalized statewide with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, 65 are being treated in intensive-care units and 28 of those are on ventilators. More than 52,000 people have been tested in Oregon. ; For a fourth consecutive day yesterday, Lane County Public Health officials say there were no new positive test results for the coronavirus, meaning we remain at 50 cases since the first patient was diagnosed on February 28. Twenty-eight of those patients have recovered, 20 are resting at home. There are no patients currently in local hospitals. Two Lane County residents have died during the past six-and-a-half weeks from complications of the virus. Since the outbreak began, close to 3,200 people have been tested in our area. Local labs continue to ramp up their capacity. Lane County Public Health officials say they'd like to see the level of testing climb to 1,000 per day to have a good sense of the rate of infection in our community. ; They are cautious about calling it a victory. But Lane County Public Health officials said yesterday we are now more than 14 days past when positive test results were confirmed for a trio of individuals who had connections to some local senior retirement homes and long-term care facilities. Those 14-plus days are significant: Symptoms of COVID-19 usually show up in patients within two to 14 days. We appear to have passed the point at which experts would have expected any new cases to develop from those exposures. The infections were announced earlier this month. In two of the cases, the patients were employees of local senior care facilities and in another, the patient was a person who had access to multiple facilities. How did they prevent outbreaks in the facilities? It involved joint efforts by Lane County Public Health and the care facilities,

themselves. Since mid-March, alarmed by the situation at a Washington state nursing home, managers of local senior and skilled nursing facilities have worked to reduce the chance of infection and spread of the virus. They placed restrictions on visitors; isolated residents and put a hold on outings and other scheduled activities. Staff members wear masks while on the job, stay home if they are showing any signs or symptoms of any illness, and are screened before their shifts. There's increased cleaning and sanitizing of the buildings and surfaces, as well as sanitizing of shared equipment, resident wheelchairs, treatment carts, charting devices, and anything that enters and leaves the facilities' kitchens. Additionally, Lane County Public Health has experienced health investigators who perform what is known as "contract tracing" to determine who might have come in close contact with an infected person. That group of public health nurses and experts in the field quickly determine who needs immediate testing and who needs to self-isolate. Nationwide, more than 10,000 deaths have been linked to coronavirus outbreaks in nursing homes and other long-term care centers nationwide. Lane County Public Health officials note we're far from being "in the clear" when it comes to the risk of outbreaks in care facility settings. But they do believe their work has positioned them well to avoid the high death toll we've seen in many long-term care facilities elsewhere in Oregon and across the U.S. ; For most people, the new coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia, and death. ; More efforts are underway to prevent an outbreak of coronavirus infections among Lane County's unsheltered or homeless population. Officials expect to begin testing later this week among those staying in respite shelters at Lane County Fairgrounds in Eugene and the Memorial Building in Springfield. It comes amid concerns that any infections among the county's homeless could quickly spread and lead to infections in the larger community. About 150 residents are currently staying at the fairgrounds and close to 30 at Springfield's Memorial Building. Lane County spokesman Jason Davis said yesterday that testing at the respite centers was originally set for last weekend. But he says some overnight campers were hesitant to share their personal information. That meant officials needed additional time to explain why those details are crucial for testing and tracing any potential future cases of the virus. ; Due to a consistent decrease in the number of calls received at the Lane County Non-Emergency COVID-19 Call Center, the call center's hours have been reduced. The days and new hours are Monday–Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The number for the call center is 541-682-1380. If the situation changes, or call volume increases significantly, Lane County will reconsider the hours of operation. ; Facing steep budget shortfalls, at least one state agency has taken its first steps to furlough workers in order to save money. That makes Oregon one of few state governments across the U.S. to make such moves. It comes after state economists predict Oregon's leaders will have to grapple with big budget challenges in the months ahead, as they work to balance fast-declining revenues with dramatically increased needs to help Oregonians impacted by the pandemic. Oregon Labor Commissioner Val Hoyle says she's told managers in the Bureau of Labor and Industries to take one unpaid furlough day per month through June of 2021. That makes it the first Oregon state agency to make such a move. ; Self-employed, independent contractor and "gig" workers: The wait is over. Officials with the Oregon Employment Department yesterday announced they have their computers reprogrammed and the system can now accept your initial unemployment benefits applications. That's good news for those who ordinarily are ineligible for jobless benefits because they usually don't pay into the unemployment benefits program. It comes through the federal stimulus act and is called Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. State officials have recruited and trained additional staff who will focus on processing your claims. Among those

who are eligible for the aid are Oregonians who are: self-employed and not subject to unemployment insurance tax; perform work as an independent contractor; perform work not subject to unemployment insurance tax, such as agricultural workers; did not earn enough in wages or work enough hours to qualify for regular unemployment benefits; or exhausted regular unemployment benefits, and are not eligible for another extension. In addition, to be eligible, you must be unemployed, partially unemployed, or unable and unavailable for work due to the pandemic. Those situations include individuals who are: directly caring for a member of the household diagnosed with COVID-19; have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or are seeking a medical diagnosis for COVID-19; are unable to reach the place of employment because of a quarantine imposed as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency; are primary caregivers for a child or person in the household who is unable to attend school or another facility closed due to COVID-19, and that attendance is required for their work; were scheduled to start a new job and were unable to because the business closed as a direct result of COVID-19 public health emergency; or owned or worked for a business that closed as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits are retroactive to the first week a worker was impacted by a qualifying COVID-19 reason, potentially as early as the week starting February 2 through the week ending December 26 of this year. Depending on your claim's complexity, the filing and processing of your claim can take as little as one week or up to several weeks, depending on your claim's complexity. How to Apply? Go to the Oregon Employment Department's Pandemic unemployment assistance page to fill out your application and certification form at <https://govstatus.egov.com/ui-benefits/CARES> There are three ways to start a new application for PUA benefits. E-mail: You can email OED_PUA_INFO@oregon.gov to request a secure email link, then attach your PUA application and weekly claim reports to the secure email. Please only use the secure e-mail link we send to provide personal identifying information relevant to your claim. Mail: You can mail your PUA application and weekly claim reports to Oregon Employment Department at P.O. Box 14165, Salem, OR 97311. Several fax machines linked are to the 503-371-2893 fax number for your PUA application and weekly claim reports. The CARES Act page also provides information for self-employed, contract, gig, and other PUA-eligible workers who filed regular claims for unemployment benefits prior to the start of the program. ; They're making progress but still have a way to go. State employment officials say they've processed about 75 percent of the more than 333-thousand initial unemployment benefit claims they've received since mid-March. But they still have a backlog of more than 85,000 applications—about one in four that have been filed. The Oregon Employment Department has boosted its number of claims analysts from slightly more than 100 before the pandemic hit to close to 450. But with tens of thousands more jobless claims filed each week, it's taking longer than anyone likes to catch up. ; It's still not safe enough to reopen. That's the word from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, whose officials yesterday announced they're extending the closure of the system past the original reopening date of May 8. No rescheduled reopening date yet. But members of a committee that's crafting a framework for the gradual loosening of state parks restrictions hopes to have a draft plan by the end of next week, or sooner. Any plan would likely allow a limited reopening of day-use areas and outdoor recreation services based on public health, community readiness, and park preparedness. After alarming levels of overcrowding and lack of physical distancing during that first sunny weekend of Spring Break, state parks officials say that any gradual reopening decision could be reversed or extended based on whether or not visitors are being safe. Oregon State Parks campground and day-use reservations have been canceled through May 25. Officials say if you have reservations beyond May 25, plan for more cancellations. When state parks day-

use areas do reopen, officials say they'll initially be encouraging people to visit parks close to home—properties that are tens of miles away, not hundreds. Services will be reduced—with portable toilets and handwashing stations likely replacing park restrooms. Water fountains and spigots might also be turned off. State parks officials say they'll ask visitors to travel with their household group and take everything they need—from food and fuel to hand sanitizer—and pack out their trash. ; To the south of us, Douglas County Parks and Douglas County RV Parks plan a limited opening tomorrow. But officials warn that if restrictions are not followed, they could be closed again. Douglas County Parks visitors need to maintain physical distancing. Masks or face shields are recommended. Large groups are not allowed, just individuals, couples and families in the same household. You'll need to pay any day-use fees and carry your own soap, hand sanitizer or disinfectant wipes. All pavilions, gazebos and playgrounds will remain closed. Picnic tables and other park amenities will not be sanitized. Restrooms will be sanitized on a limited basis. And Douglas County is limiting its RV Parks to Oregonians and only those in self-contained RV units. No tents. Restroom and shower hours were limited. Picnic tables are not being sanitized. Group sites will remain closed, as will Douglas County recreational cabins and yurts. ; More detail on the mask-disinfection system coming to Oregon, specifically Eugene. According to reporter Ben Botkin with The Lund Report: Federal authorities have allotted Oregon a mask-disinfecting system to help health care providers stretch supplies of personal protective gear. The Battelle system can disinfect 85,000 N95 masks a day by running them through a hydrogen peroxide-based system that looks like a container. Battelle is deploying 60 of these so-called critical care decontamination systems throughout the United States. Oregon obtained one through a contract with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Battelle will operate the system with a crew of about 20 staff. The operation will be based in Eugene so it can disinfect masks from several areas of the state, said Erica Euen, a spokesperson for the COVID-19 Joint Information Center. Battelle will not charge Oregon health care responders to disinfect their masks. FEMA will cover the contractor's costs of staffing the system and shipping it to Oregon from Ohio. A longtime federal and commercial contractor, Battelle, is based in Columbus, Ohio and started in 1929. The company's portfolio includes research to protect military personnel from chemical and biological attacks, medical research and environmental projects. "Since bringing the first system online, we have received hundreds of requests for CCDS systems and services," Matt Vaughan, Battelle's contract research president, said in a statement. The federal government, not Battelle, decides where the systems go. The machines are already operating in New York City, Chicago, Boston and the Seattle area. Participating health care providers ship labeled masks to the decontamination site where technicians log the inventory and put barcodes on the equipment to track it. Inside the machine, the masks are hit with vaporized hydrogen peroxide that's in a high enough concentration to neutralize the virus on masks. The system can treat the same mask 20 times. State officials don't know when the equipment will arrive, but the system will be shipped out on Tuesday, Euen said. Oregon didn't have any details on how medical providers can get the services, but state officials expect to have those details later this week. ; Oregon OSHA has adopted a temporary rule to increase protections for farmworkers during the pandemic. It comes after two organizations that advocate for low-income communities, migrant and seasonal farmworkers, filed a petition with the state's workplace safety regulator in late March. The rule takes effect May 11. It strengthens sanitation and physical distancing in agricultural fields, as well as in farmworker housing and transportation. In field sanitation, for example, it requires employers to appoint one or more social distancing officers to ensure there is at least six feet of separation during work activities, breaks, and meal periods. There also must be more portable toilets and handwashing stations in the fields and the facilities must

be sanitized at least three times per day. Farmworker temporary housing must provide at least a six feet separation of beds or an impermeable barrier between them. The use of bunk beds by unrelated people is prohibited. Common-use toilets and handwashing facilities and other high contact common-use items and areas must be sanitized at least twice daily. Employers also must provide appropriate cleaning materials to enable occupants to keep their private living areas clean and sanitary. In transportation, the rule requires at least three feet of social distancing during travel in employer-provided vehicles, as well as that facial coverings be worn by passengers and by the driver in employer-provided vehicles. High-contact areas in employer-provided vehicles must be sanitized before each trip or at least two times daily if in continuous use. About two-thirds of Oregon's agricultural labor camps are in Hood River and Wasco counties in the Columbia River Gorge, where farmers produce most of the state's labor-intensive pears and cherries. But some are in the Willamette Valley, including some that serve large nurseries. Any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 must be reported immediately, day or night. And employers must follow certain requirements, including ensuring that food and water is provided to those in isolation. ; Seniors are at greater risk from COVID-19 and many who recently turned 65 now face added anxiety because of delays in obtaining Medicare coverage. Medicare is health insurance for people 65 years or older and those younger than age 65 who receive Social Security Disability Income. Advocates for older adults say the main problem involves certain applications for Medicare's "Part B" coverage for outpatient care. The delays stem from the closure of local Social Security offices to protect workers and the public in the pandemic. Eligibility determinations for Medicare are handled by Social Security and "Part B" coverage requires added documentation. One of the reasons "Part B" is important this spring is because it is the portion of Medicare coverage that pays for coronavirus tests. Social Security officials say they have set up a dedicated fax number for the forms. Learn more at <https://www.ssa.gov/coronavirus/> Note: You'll need to scroll quite a ways down on the web page to the "Can I Enroll in Medicare?" section. (TB-SHIBA) - SHIBA, the Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance program, provides free health insurance counseling to explain how the Medicare program works, which insurance options work with Medicare, and how you can reduce out-of-pocket costs. SHIBA staff members and certified counselors serve many of Oregon's more than 860,000 Medicare beneficiaries to help them understand their Medicare benefits and enrollment options. In Lane County, SHIBA is offered through Willamalane Senior Services. Trained volunteers can help you navigate Medicare information. This is especially useful for those transitioning off the Oregon Health Plan as well as standard new Medicare enrollees. Normally, our local SHIBA volunteers see dozens of clients each month. The pandemic has forced them cancel all in-person counseling sessions but they're still offering a full range of counseling by phone. But the phone hasn't been ringing as much recently, which has SHIBA's trained counselors concerned. They know the need has not dropped and are worried people might mistakenly think SHIBA is not available. It definitely is! In Lane County, SHIBA is sponsored by Willamalane Park and Recreation District. But SHIBA is available for anyone in Oregon, regardless of your address. Find your local SHIBA counselors by calling the toll-free SHIBA Helpline at 1-800-722-4134. You will be asked to enter your ZIP code to be connected to a program in your area. Or visit shiba.oregon.gov or follow SHIBA on Facebook. SHIBA is part of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), Oregon's largest business regulatory and consumer protection agency. ; The government says it has approved an additional \$50 billion in loans to small businesses. But banks trying to submit applications to the federal Small Business Administration for thousands of small businesses seeking coronavirus relief loans hit a bottleneck for a second day. Leaders of the banking industry groups said the

SBA's loan processing system was still unable to handle the volume of loan applications from business owners trying to get aid under the Paycheck Protection Program. The SBA has said the slowdown is due to its attempts to limit the amount of loans any bank can submit at one time. But some banks say they're not able to get any applications into the system. / CRIME: Authorities say four people died in a house fire in Sweet Home. The Sweet Home Fire District said a passerby reported the blaze Tuesday morning and tried to alert the people inside. Arriving firefighters reported flames and smoke coming from the center of the home and were forced to remain outside to battle the blaze. Firefighters later entered the home and found the bodies of four people. Authorities are working to confirm their identities and determine the cause of the blaze. ; Authorities say a South Dakota man was arrested on suspicion of money laundering after police found more than \$200,000 in his vehicle in southern Oregon. It came after an Oregon State Police sergeant pulled over the 27-year-old suspect for traffic violations on Oregon Highway 66 near the Klamath County town of Keno. Police say the sergeant saw "signs of criminal activity," in the Dodge Caravan, conducted a search, and recovered more than \$236,000 in vacuum-sealed bags. /

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SPORTS: She is already the unanimous 2019-20 National Player of the Year for women's basketball. Oregon's Sabrina Ionescu made more history this week as the first Oregon student-athlete ever to win the prestigious Sullivan Award as the nation's most outstanding amateur athlete. The Amateur Athletic Union honored Ionescu as the co-winner of the 90th annual Sullivan Award, along with University of Iowa wrestler Spencer Lee. Ionescu and Lee join an elite group of previous winners that includes Peyton Manning (1997), Michelle Kwan (2001), Michael Phelps (2003), J.J. Reddick (2005), Tim Tebow (2007), Shawn Johnson (2008), Ezekiel Elliott (2014) and Kathryn Plummer (2019). Because of the pandemic, the ceremonies were held online. Ionescu said afterward that it was "truly an honor," adding, "I just want to say thank you to the University of Oregon and anyone that has been a part of my journey in the past and now in the future." Earlier this month, Sabrina Ionescu was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2020 WNBA Draft by the New York Liberty. Ionescu is the only NCAA player—female or male—to record at least 2,000 career points (2,562), 1,000 rebounds (1,040) and 1,000 assists (1,091). She averaged 17.5 points, a career-high 8.6 rebounds and an NCAA-leading 9.1 assists per game as a senior while leading the Ducks to a 31-2 overall record and a sweep of the Pac-12 regular-season and tournament championships. Ionescu tied her own NCAA single-season record with eight triple-doubles in 2019-20 to give her 26 for her career, 14 more than any other man or woman in collegiate history. Ionescu is also Oregon's all-time leader in points, three-point field goals (329) and double-figure scoring games (134), and she is in the top five all-time in six more categories. She was named the Pac-12 Tournament most outstanding player for the second time in her career before going on to become just the third Oregon student-athlete ever to be taken first overall in their respective professional draft. The face of college basketball, Ionescu captured the hearts of the nation on February 24 when she delivered a heartfelt speech at the memorial service for Kobe and Gianna Bryant. /

TRANSPORTATION: Good news for local drivers: The Oregon Department of Transportation has reopened that onramp from southbound Delta Highway and Valley River Center to the Jefferson Street Bridge. Traffic returned Wednesday afternoon following eight weeks of construction. The barriers were removed just before 1 p.m. Crews replaced concrete, made repairs, strengthened the ramp, installed new bridge rails, and paved the lanes. But on that section of Interstate 105 where it curves to form the Washington-Jefferson Street Bridges, traffic is funneled into single lanes in each direction. Watch for construction crews and reduced speed limit signs. ; Drivers on rural roads maintained by Lane County will see mowing crews out early this spring clearing rights-of-way of grass and brush. Some crews are starting work as early as 4:00 a.m. The goal is order to reduce potential brush fire and wildfire danger. In rural areas, the right-of-way typically

stretches from the edge of the roadway pavement to the fence line or private property line (anywhere the maintenance vehicles would drive). In the unincorporated parts of Eugene or Springfield, the right-of-way is the planting area between the sidewalk and curb. Property owners can help prepare for the mowing crews by ensuring they have not placed anything in the mowers' path in the road right-of-way. This includes: Signs; Ornamental rocks over three inches in diameter; Fixed objects; Ornamental vegetation; and Fencing. Fencing can be both a hazard and a high-cost obstacle for mowers: Fencing that has fallen into the road right-of-way can become entangled in the equipment, or can make it impossible to clear the affected area of grass and brush. If crews have to take time to move and remove items, it adds to their workload and costs taxpayers more money. Help keep rights-of-way clear so mowing crews may reduce fire danger and improve sightlines for drivers. Drivers are allowed to pass the mowers on the left when it is safe to do so, but remember: yield to all oncoming traffic. / SAFETY: The investigation is underway to determine the cause of an early-morning fire that damaged an apartment in the 200 block of North Adams Street in Eugene. The blaze was reported shortly after 2:30 this morning. Responding Eugene-Springfield Fire crews arrived to find a ground floor apartment burning with flames extending to the building's second floor. Crews quickly extinguished the fire and prevented its spread to neighboring units. No injuries. The apartment where the fire started is not habitable but residents of other units who evacuated during the incident were able to return to their apartments after the blaze was extinguished. / COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, ELDERS: For a fifth consecutive day yesterday, Lane County Public Health officials say there were no new positive test results for the coronavirus. We remain at 50 cases since the first patient diagnosis on February 28. Thirty-eight of those patients have recovered, 18 are being monitored as they rest at home. There are no patients currently in local hospitals. Two Lane County residents have died during the past six-and-a-half weeks from complications of the virus. Since the outbreak began, more than 3,300 people have been tested in our area. Local labs continue to ramp up their capacity. Lane County Public Health officials say they'd like to see the level of testing climb to 1,000 per day to have a good sense of the rate of infection in our community. ; Officials with the Oregon Health Authority yesterday announced 61 new positive tests for the coronavirus and two additional deaths. That brings the total number of cases in Oregon to 2,446 as the cumulative death toll climbs to 101. Health officials said the patents who died were a 75-year-old man and a 71-year-old woman, both from Portland's Multnomah County. Both had underlying health conditions. Of the 227 patients who remain hospitalized statewide with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, 56 are being treated in intensive-care units and 24 of those are on ventilators. More than 54,000 people have been tested in Oregon. ; Experts with the Oregon Health Authority say the 101 patients who died in this state from the coronavirus had underlying health conditions—and, in some cases, more than one. Close to 60 percent had cardiovascular disease, according to data published by the agency this week. The second-highest underlying medical condition was a neurological or neurodevelopmental issue, such as stroke, epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease. Other underlying conditions included diabetes, lung disease, kidney disease, liver disease, and other conditions that compromised patients' immune systems. If a person was a current or former smoker, that was also considered an underlying health condition, because COVID-19 is a respiratory disease. Around half of Oregon's confirmed deaths were people among 80 or older. One-quarter were between the ages of 70 and 79. For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention says those at high risk of being severely ill from COVID-19 include people over 65, those living in a nursing home or long-term care facility, and those with underlying medical conditions, including chronic lung disease or serious heart conditions. ; An outbreak of coronavirus at an Albany frozen-foods facility has sickened at least 18 workers. Reporter Kyle Odegard with The Democrat Herald says the number of cases at National Frozen Foods were updated during Tuesday's meeting of the Linn County Board of Commissioners. The facility was closed on Friday for cleaning, according to union officials with Teamsters Local 670, which represents about 270 workers at the operation. Union leaders said Tuesday the plant was ready to restart processing but was awaiting test results on other workers. National Frozen Foods warehouse and distribution facilities continue to operate. Linn County Public Health said on Tuesday they will not provide any additional case numbers on the outbreak at the facility. Instead, any future cases will be generically listed as occurring somewhere in Linn County. Last week, Linn County health officials confirmed the first 10 cases of COVID-19 at the National Frozen Foods plant in Albany. At the time, eight of those cases involved plant workers and two involved people who were associated with employees. National Frozen Foods' Albany plant processes beans, cut corn, squash, vegetable purees and cream-style corn, according to the company's website. The plant puts out millions of pounds of frozen produce each year. During a good day in the summer, the facility can churn out a million pounds of beans alone, according to a 2012 article in the Democrat Herald. National Frozen Foods opened its Albany plant in 1982. The facility—at 745 30th Ave. S.W.—sits on about 20 acres off Pacific Boulevard. Earlier hotspots for coronavirus in the mid-Willamette Valley included the Edward C. Allworth Veterans' Home in Lebanon and Corvallis Manor, a nursing home in Corvallis. ; A reminder: If you've lost your job during the pandemic and your health insurance, as well, you might qualify for the Oregon Health Plan. OHP provides free physical, dental and behavioral health coverage to qualifying Oregonians. Taking care of your physical and mental health is critically important, especially now. If you've recently had a change in income, go to the Oregon Health Plan website to see whether you're eligible. Federal stimulus payments and increased unemployment payments do not affect your OHP eligibility. They are not be counted during the application process or when members report a change in their household. Nor are you required to verify your income by with your application. ; Scientists on Wednesday announced the first effective treatment against the coronavirus — an experimental drug that can speed the recovery of COVID-19 patients. The U.S. government said it is working to make the antiviral medication remdesivir (rehm-DEH'-suh-veer) available to patients as quickly as possible. California-based biotech company Gilead (GILL'-ee-uhd) Sciences and federal researchers reported that in a major study, remdesivir (rehm-DEH'-suh-veer) shortened the time it takes for COVID-19 patients to recover by four days on average — from 15 days to 11. Also, a trend toward fewer deaths was seen among those on the drug. The study was run by the U.S. National Institutes of Health and involved 1,063 hospitalized coronavirus patients around the world. An effective treatment could have a profound effect on the outbreak since a vaccine is probably a year or more away. Commenting on the medical breakthrough, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious-disease expert noted that scientists have proven the drug can block this virus, adding that, quote, "This will be the standard of care." ; The Eugene Water & Electric Board is offering more financial assistance to customers struggling financially during the pandemic. But you'll need to be ready to file for it online beginning Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. At that time, EWEB is allowing customers who are struggling to pay their bill to apply for a \$260 credit. EWEB offers the bill assistance program year-round to customers who meet income guidelines, but in response to the coronavirus, the utility has expanded the program by more than doubling the funds available and offering the

assistance to customers who are now unemployed as a result of the crisis. The assistance program re-opens on the first business day of each month. The fund reopens Friday morning, May 1, at 9:00 a.m. Applications are accepted first-come, first-served until funds are fully allocated for the month. Last month 1,000 EWEB customers received the bill assistance. But even with expanded funding, the program was fully allocated within an hour of opening. Utility officials anticipate that May's EWEB fund also will be spoken for very quickly. You can find the Customer Care application along with additional instructions and video tutorials on the website www.eweb.org/assistance. In addition to providing your EWEB account number, applicants will need to have proof of income eligibility or unemployment benefits. If you don't have this documentation, you can still apply, but it will add considerable processing time. Another tip is using the utility's online form to apply for assistance. This will help avoid overloading the phone lines and long on-hold wait times for applicants. If you are a senior or disabled customer, EWEB offers the additional option to apply through the mail. In addition to the bill assistance program, EWEB and other Oregon utilities have temporarily suspended service disconnections and late fees for those who are behind on their utility bills. ; There's more state relief available for small business owners who are struggling to figure out how to make their quarterly Corporate Activity Tax (CAT) payments. The Oregon Department of Revenue filed a new rule this week to provide additional flexibility, which is good news for potentially thousands more small business owners. It changes the threshold for making estimated tax payments from \$5,000 of annual tax liability to \$10,000 of annual tax liability for the first year of the tax. This means businesses that will owe less than \$10,000 are not required to make quarterly estimated tax payments during 2020. Those combined payments will not be due until April 15, 2021. The state Department of Revenue also will not assess penalties for underestimated quarterly payments or for those qualifying small businesses not making a quarterly payment, if the businesses don't have the financial ability to make the estimated payment. If a small business owner knows they'll owe \$10,000 or more in annual Corporate Activity Tax in 2020 and are able to pay, they should make their estimated quarterly payments and comply with the law to the fullest extent possible. But the Oregon Department of Revenue will honor a small business taxpayer's good-faith efforts to comply and will not assess penalties if they document their efforts to comply, including how COVID-19 has impacted their business. Businesses uncertain about their economic future due to the COVID-19 crisis, or those that have been closed during this crisis and have no ability to determine that they will owe a tax this year, also will not be penalized. Under the previous threshold, taxable commercial activity of about \$1.8 million was not subject to quarterly estimated payment. This rule change raises that threshold to about \$2.7 million. Taxable commercial activity is the commercial activity of a business after subtracting the allowable deductions. ; The smaller companies seeking coronavirus relief loans briefly moved to the head of the line Wednesday after the Small Business Administration said that for eight hours it would only accept loans from small lenders. The step was being taken to ensure that small community lenders, those with under \$1 billion in assets, and their small business customers would have access to the \$310 billion program. There have been concerns about the nation's smallest businesses being able to get loans because small banks — many of them with just a few hundred applications — have to compete with big national banks submitting hundreds of thousands of loan requests. The dedicated hours were designed to give "mom and pop" companies and their lenders a chance to get a share of the money. Those who did not secure loans are still in the mix going forward. News that big companies including restaurant chains like Shake Shack and the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers had gotten loans in the first round of funding also raised anger that well-financed companies had taken priority over struggling small businesses. Shake Shack, the L.A. Lakers and some

other large businesses have since said they would return the money, and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said loans above \$2 million will be audited to ensure that the businesses actually need the money. By late Tuesday, officials with the Small Business Administration said they had approved close to 476,000 loans totaling more than \$52 billion. The SBA has not released any updated figures since. The loans are intended to help businesses retain their workers or rehire those who were laid off. Thousands of businesses have been forced to shut down to contain the spread of the virus or have lost business as customers stayed home or cut their spending. ; Seniors are at greater risk from COVID-19 and many who recently turned 65 now face added anxiety because of delays in obtaining Medicare coverage. Medicare is health insurance for people 65 years or older and those younger than age 65 who receive Social Security Disability Income. Advocates for older adults say the main problem involves certain applications for Medicare's "Part B" coverage for outpatient care. The delays stem from the closure of local Social Security offices to protect workers and the public in the pandemic. Eligibility determinations for Medicare are handled by Social Security and "Part B" coverage requires added documentation. One of the reasons "Part B" is important this spring is because it is the portion of Medicare coverage that pays for coronavirus tests. Social Security officials say they have set up a dedicated fax number for the forms. Learn more at www.ssa.gov/coronavirus/ Note: You'll need to scroll quite a way down on the web page to the "Can I Enroll in Medicare?" section. ; SHIBA, the Oregon Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance Program, provides free health insurance counseling to explain how the Medicare program works, which insurance options work with Medicare, and how you can reduce out-of-pocket costs. SHIBA staff members and certified counselors serve many of Oregon's more than 860,000 Medicare beneficiaries to help them understand their Medicare benefits and enrollment options. In Lane County, SHIBA is offered through Willamalane Senior Services. Trained volunteers can help you navigate Medicare information. This is especially useful for those transitioning off the Oregon Health Plan as well as standard new Medicare enrollees. Normally, our local SHIBA volunteers see dozens of clients each month. The pandemic has forced them cancel all in-person counseling sessions but they're still offering a full range of counseling by phone. But the phone hasn't been ringing as much recently, which has SHIBA's trained counselors concerned. They know the need has not dropped and are worried people might mistakenly think SHIBA is not available. It definitely is! In Lane County, SHIBA is sponsored by Willamalane Park and Recreation District. But SHIBA is available for anyone in Oregon, regardless of your address. Find your local SHIBA counselors by calling the toll-free SHIBA Helpline at 1-800-722-4134. You will be asked to enter your ZIP code to be connected to a program in your area. Or visit shiba.oregon.gov SHIBA is part of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, Oregon's largest business regulatory and consumer protection agency. ; More than 3.8 million laid-off workers across the United States applied for unemployment benefits last week as the economy continued a slide that is the most devastating since the 1930s. More than 30 million people have filed for jobless aid in the six weeks since the coronavirus outbreak began forcing millions of employers to close their doors and slash their workforces. That is more people than live in the New York and Chicago metropolitan areas combined, and it's by far the worst string of layoffs on record, affecting one in six American workers. Oregon announces its weekly jobless figures later this morning. With more employers cutting payrolls to save money, economists have forecast that the unemployment rate for April could go as high as 20 percent. That would be the highest rate since it reached 25 percent during the Great Depression. ; The ACLU is demanding information from Governor Kate Brown, the Department of Corrections, and the Trump administration about their knowledge of potential outbreaks of COVID-19 in prisons and jails. KATU-TV in

Portland reports the group filed a public records request after a report showed as many as 200,000 people nationwide could die if states and the federal government fail to release inmates and prisoners to slow the spread of the virus. ; On the south coast, Shutter Creek Correctional Institution remains the highest for positive COVID-19 tests of adults in custody. While the number of cases remains at 15. Shutter Creek has more than 300 inmates in quarantine. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, GOVERNMENT, SCHOOLS: The coronavirus can easily infect other people during close contact. But experts with the Oregon Health Authority and Oregon Department of Agriculture say there's been no known transmission of COVID-19 through food or food packaging. Across the U.S., health and safety officials have heard from people concerned about recent closures of meat and other food processing plants where workers contracted the virus. Here in Oregon, there was an outbreak at a frozen food facility in Albany that led to it being closed for deep cleaning one week ago. But Oregon health and agriculture experts say there is no evidence that human or animal food—or food packaging—is associated with transmission of the virus. That's why they say food products do not need to be withdrawn or recalled from the market if someone on a farm or in a processing plant tests positive. The virus is thought to spread mainly from person to person, such as between people who are in close contact with one another, or through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. A person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface that an infected person has touched, which is why it is so important to get in the habit of washing your hands often including before and after preparing meals, before eating and after you come home if you've been out. ; A new draft plan for reopening Oregon's economy includes three phases and could include looser restrictions coming earlier to regions where cases of the coronavirus have been low or non-existent. Governor Kate Brown's draft plan was released Thursday. State officials hope to finalize the reopening framework next week, including specific guidelines for various businesses and geographic regions under a three-phase plan. Easing restrictions in place since March would be contingent on seeing declines in identified coronavirus cases and increasing the state's capacity to test people and trace their contacts, among other things. The governor is holding a news conference later this morning to outline some of those guidelines. Computer modeling by one health institute in the Northwest suggests Oregon might not be able to reopen some parts of its economy until late May at the earliest. In Phase 1, according to reporters with The Oregonian and OregonLive: Most employers would continue to encourage telecommuting, monitor on-site workers for symptoms and have temperature checks and social distancing policies. Restaurants, brewpubs, bars, breweries and wine tasting rooms would be allowed to reopen with limited seating. Groups or gatherings larger than 10 people would be banned. Theaters, sports arenas and churches would remain stay closed. Childcare facilities would open with limitations. Under Phase 2: Gatherings would be able to increase to 50 people. Schools and gyms would be allowed to reopen. Under Phase 3: Gatherings involving more than 50 people would be allowed. Restaurants and bars would be able to add more seating. Nursing homes would reopen to visitors. Plans for transit, personal

services and outdoor recreation are also being created. Oregon businesses have largely been closed since the governor issued the “Stay Home” order on March 23. ; Oregon’s governor and state officials want restaurants, bars, breweries, brewpubs, wineries and tasting rooms to be among the first businesses to reopen once “Stay Home” orders are loosened. Under Phase One of the draft plan, restaurants and watering holes will be allowed a maximum occupancy of 50 percent of normal capacity if physical distancing can be maintained. Employees and customers would be strongly encouraged to wear face masks, though customers would not need to wear them at a table. Food and beverage establishments would need to restrict seating to ensure there’s at least 6 feet of physical distance between people who are not in the same dining or drinking party. Menus would either need to be single-use, cleanable and laminated, online or posted on a board. The guidelines encourage businesses that plan to require the wearing of masks consult with their attorneys to determine whether that can be enforced. Guidelines for wine tasting rooms include limiting personal interactions by having a server pour an entire flight of wine at one time rather than requiring repeated visits for each selection. ; Starting today, hospitals, surgicenters, medical practices, dentists and other healthcare providers across Oregon are able to resume non-urgent health care procedures and surgeries. Many providers and their staffs spent the past week working to determine when and how they’d reopen and how best to schedule the backlog of patients. The restrictions came after Governor Kate Brown announced she was lifting her mid-March executive order that canceled or postponed non-urgent and elective surgeries and procedures to ensure that a supply of critically needed Personal Protective Equipment went to those working on the front lines to diagnose and treat COVID-19 patients. Hospitals and other facilities have been hurt financially by the loss of that medical business and as they curtailed operations or closed, tens of thousands of healthcare workers sought unemployment benefits. Today’s change won’t put everyone in the healthcare sector back to work immediately and won’t clear the backlog of procedures overnight, but it’s a big step forward. It’s also a big boost for rural hospitals, which are often the only health care for many miles and rely on non-urgent surgeries and procedures for much of their revenue. Hospitals across Oregon are lobbying for additional state support, perhaps hundreds of millions of dollars’ worth. Governor Brown said last week state leaders are working on an overall emergency funding plan and hope to have details later this month. At the same time, officials with the Oregon Health Authority say there’s been an expansion of telehealth—those telephone and video consultations between patients and their medical providers—that has helped improve the reach of healthcare in many parts of Oregon and is now covered by most if not all insurers. ; Another 28,500 Oregonians made their initial filings for unemployment last week. That brings the six-week total during the pandemic to more than 362,000. The Oregon Employment Department has processed three out of every four initial claims received between March 15 and April 25. The agency has increased its claims staff from 106 in mid-March to 610 last week and claims are being processed seven days a week. Employment Department officials say that over the past three weeks, staff have processed more claims than they received as they work to clear the backlog. But there are still more than 83,000 claims to review. Current Oregon Employment Department contact centers have expanded their call hours from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, are giving call-backs to those with unprocessed claims, and employees continue processing claims seven days per week. A new center to handle calls and emails is expected to open later this month. In mid-April, the state began sending an additional \$600 in weekly federal benefits to those who qualified under the federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Program passed by Congress. On Tuesday, state employment officials announced they can now accept and process claims from self-employed, contract and “gig” economy workers after

reprogramming their computer system with newly written software. Those workers, who ordinarily do not have access to unemployment benefits because they do not pay into the system, are covered under a that temporary federal program approved by Congress late last month. The program also extends benefits for up to 13 weeks for those who have run out of benefits and remain out of work due to COVID-19 closures. ; In Lane County, 2,625 workers filed for jobless benefits. That brings our local total to 21,612 since March 15. As is the case statewide, the greatest number of initial claims continued to come from the accommodation and food services sector. Since March 15th, there have been about 59,600 initial claims filed across Oregon by workers for those companies. Other sectors with the largest initial claims totals over the past six weeks include health care and social assistance (35,300) and retail trade (28,700). But every sector of the economy has seen increased claims activity, including manufacturing and construction. More initial claims data by industry and area can be found on the Oregon Employment Department's COVID-19 page at https://govstatus.egov.com/ORUnemployment_COVID19 To file an online claim for unemployment benefits, go to [Oregon.gov/employ](https://oregon.gov/employ) or call 1-877-FILE-4-UI. For help finding jobs and training resources, contact your local WorkSource Oregon center or go to WorkSourceOregon.org ; Yesterday, the U.S. Labor Department announced that more than 3.8 million laid-off workers across the United State applied for unemployment benefits last week, bringing the total for the past six weeks to more than 30 million. That's roughly one in every six American workers. With more employers cutting payrolls to save money, economists have forecast that the unemployment rate for April could go as high as 20 percent. That would be the highest rate since it reached 25 percent during the Great Depression of the 1930s. A poll by the Conference Board found that one of every five Americans expect their incomes to fall in the next six months. That reinforces the belief that Americans will remain cautious in their spending for months to come. ; If you've lost your job during the pandemic and your health insurance, as well, you might qualify for the Oregon Health Plan. OHP provides free physical, dental and behavioral health coverage to qualifying Oregonians. Taking care of your physical and mental health is critically important, especially now. If you've recently had a change in income, you might be eligible. The Oregon Health Plan is the state's Medicaid program and provides free physical, dental and behavioral health coverage to Oregonians who qualify. About one in four Oregonians—slightly more than one million (1,016,000) receive health coverage through OHP. Enrollments are climbing during the COVID-19 crisis: Applications climbed to an average 776 per day in March and April. That's up 240 per day since January and February. The Oregon Health Authority has made several changes to make it easier for Oregonians to sign up for and remain in the plan during the pandemic: Individuals can sign up for OHP without having to verify their income (submit a pay stub) with their application. They will be able to self-attest, which will help Oregonians get access to OHP coverage more quickly. Members who are currently enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan will not lose coverage during this crisis. About 20,000 members per month usually exit the program. About half of those are expected to stay enrolled due to this policy change, which took effect March 15. And a reminder: Federal stimulus payments and increased unemployment payments will not affect OHP eligibility. They will not be counted during the application process or when members report a change in their household. Learn more at OHP.Oregon.gov ; For a sixth consecutive day yesterday, Lane County Public Health officials say there were no new positive test results for the coronavirus. We remain at 50 cases since the first patient was diagnosed on February 28. Thirty-one of those patients have recovered, 17 are being monitored as they rest at home. There are no patients currently in local hospitals. Two Lane County residents have died during the past seven weeks from complications of the virus. Since the outbreak began, 3,468 people have been tested in our area, up about

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and an old password. They send an email to that address that lists the old password and they claim to have videos of you or other embarrassing "evidence" that you frequent adult websites. In the message, they say they will share the videos or information publicly unless you send them money. Don't fall for it! And don't panic. Oregon Justice Department investigators say it is highly unlikely that the cyber-blackmailer has actually invaded your computer." Instead, they say, the hackers know a few people will get scared because they haven't updated their passwords recently and they will send money or pay in Bitcoin. But investigators say it's usually easy to spot these sorts of scam emails because they include old passwords and only have generic references to websites they claim you've visited. The emails also are poorly worded and contain grammatical errors. And they give you a very short deadline in which to respond. Again, don't fall for it. Instead, if you're the recipient of one of these "sextortion" email scams and are currently using the password they list, change that account's password immediately. And if you have been a victim of these scams, contact the Oregon Department of Justice online at www.oregonconsumer.gov or call 1-888-877-9392. ; Authorities say four people found dead Tuesday in a Sweet Home manufactured home destroyed by fire were either shot or stabbed before it was intentionally set ablaze. Police on Wednesday said there's no indication the public is in danger. No one is being sought in the case. Sweet Home Police investigators found a gun, a sharp, blunt force instrument and a torch lighter near the bodies. The dead are identified as 63-year-old John Shobert, 41-year-old Tiffany Shobert, 15-year-old Johnathon Shobert, and 2-year-old Charlotte Shobert. /

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ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION, LOW-INCOME: Lane County officials tomorrow hope to move a step closer to reopening our local economy. Members of the Lane County Board of Commissioners will vote on a recommendation to send a plan to Governor Brown seeking approval for Phase One of reopening. That would allow more businesses to resume operation, provided they meet certain physical distancing and other guidelines. State and local officials have said the key to any reopening requires meeting some essential benchmarks. Key to that is a continued decline in the number of new infections as well as a drop in hospitalizations. Other considerations include: having an adequate supply of Personal Protective Equipment or "PPE" for frontline medical workers and first responders; having expanded testing for the virus; and ensuring there are enough health investigators to trace those who might have been in close contact with any newly infected patients. Lane County Public Health officials said last week that there now is an adequate local supply of PPE. Local testing is scaling up as McKenzie-Willamette and PeaceHealth ramp up their testing beyond that being offered by private labs. The county uses public health nurses as well as retired health investigators for fast contact tracing. The county also had a six-day stretch last week when no new infections were announced. That ended on Saturday, when public health officials announced four new cases. But none of those were "random" infections: One case was directly linked to an earlier infection, the other three were cases of "household transmission"—where people became infected after another member of their household was diagnosed with a case of COVID-19. All of those patients are being monitored while they rest at home. For the past week, there have been no COVID-19 patients in local hospitals. ; If Lane County follows the draft guidelines being created for an eventual statewide reopening of Oregon's economy, some of the immediate beneficiaries might be restaurants, brewpubs, bars, wineries and tasting rooms. But most other businesses would be asked continue to encourage telecommuting, monitor on-site workers for symptoms and have temperature checks and physical distancing policies. Groups or gatherings larger than 10 people would be banned. Theaters, sports arenas and churches would remain closed. Childcare facilities would open with limitations. Under Phase One of the state's draft plan, which was released on Thursday, restaurants and watering holes would be allowed a maximum occupancy of 50 percent of normal capacity if physical distancing can be maintained. Employees and customers would be strongly encouraged to wear face masks, although customers would not need to wear them at a table. Food and beverage establishments would need to restrict seating to ensure there's at least six feet of physical distance between people who are not in the same dining or drinking party. Menus would either need to be single-use, cleanable and

laminated, online or posted on a board. Guidelines for wine tasting rooms would include limiting personal interactions by having a server pour an entire flight of wine at one time rather than requiring repeated visits for each selection. Officials hope to finalize a statewide reopening framework this week, including specific guidelines for various businesses and geographic regions under a three-phase plan. But no date has been announced for when Phase 1 would begin. Brown and officials with the Oregon Health Authority first want evidence that Oregon has turned the corner on the pandemic. Under Phase 2: Gatherings would be able to increase to 50 people. Schools and gyms would be allowed to reopen. Under Phase 3: Gatherings involving more than 50 people would be allowed. Restaurants and bars would be able to add more seating. Nursing homes would reopen to visitors. Plans for transit, personal services and outdoor recreation are also being created. Oregon businesses have largely been closed since the governor issued the "Stay Home" order on March 23. ; Lane County announced four new positive tests for the coronavirus over the weekend. Public health officials say one infection, in a woman in her 50s from the Eugene-Springfield area, is linked to a previous case. The other three positive tests are cases of "household transmission," meaning they contracted the virus from someone in their home who was among the county's previous confirmed cases. All of the new patients are considered medically stable and are being monitored as they rest at their homes. Lane County now has had 54 positive test results since the first infection was identified in Oregon on February 28. Thirty-five of those patients have recovered, 17 are resting at home. There are no patients currently in local hospitals. Two Lane County residents have died during the past seven weeks from complications of the virus. Since the outbreak began, more than 39-hundred people have been tested in our area. Local labs at McKenzie-Willamette and PeaceHealth continue to ramp up their capacity, in addition to testing already available at several private labs in Oregon. But Lane County Public Health officials say they'd like to see the level of testing climb to 1,000 per day to have a good sense of the rate of infection in our community. ; Over the weekend, officials with the Oregon Health Authority announced five more deaths. That brings the state's death toll to 109. All of the patients had previously diagnosed underlying health conditions. Since the outbreak began in Oregon, the state has received 2,680 positive test results. More than 62,000 Oregonians have been tested. On Friday, state health officials began tracking presumptive COVID-19 cases, matching recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A presumptive case is someone who does not have a positive COVID-19 test but is showing symptoms and had close contact with a confirmed case. If the patients later test positive, they will be recategorized as confirmed cases. The first results of that revised tracking will be reported today. ; Of the 205 patients currently hospitalized statewide with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, 46 are being treated in intensive-care units and 21 of those are on ventilators. The Oregonian and OregonLive quotes state health officials who say the hospitalization numbers are down 40 percent from one month ago, another sign that the state's "Stay Home" rules are "flattening the curve" of infections and saving lives. ; Next week, 100,000 randomly selected Oregonians will begin receiving letters in the mail asking them to volunteer for a statewide study. The results could provide health experts with the data they need to track the spread of the coronavirus. It's part of a larger, cautious effort to reopen businesses and get the state's economy back on its feet as all of us work to find a "new normal" after the pandemic. State officials said Friday the results of that voluntary testing—coupled with data on current cases, hospital capacity and infection trends—will help drive a lot of other state decisions. The research effort, dubbed "Be the Key," if being led and coordinated by OHSU, the Oregon Health and Science University. ; On Friday, Governor Brown held a video conference call with representatives of a number of rural counties in Eastern Oregon who have had either a few or no

cases of COVID-19. They're eager to reopen businesses and jumpstart their economies. Brown says if they're able to meet some key state health criteria for testing and contact tracing, that could happen the middle of this month—as early as May 15. In the meantime, the governor says she's continuing discussions this week with officials from rural counties and state leaders are working to refine that plan for the phased reopening of Oregon's economy. And while loosening restrictions, even gradually, may lead to increased infections and lost lives, state and local officials agree that we can't keep everything shut down forever. The challenge, they say, is to make sure that we're managing that risk and reducing it as effectively as we possibly can. ; Hundreds of people opposed to Oregon's stay-at-home order demonstrated at the state Capitol on Saturday as health officials announced dozens more cases and five additional deaths from COVID-19. Most of the protesters did not wear face masks, but they waved American flags and Trump campaign signs in the rain. Other signs read "Reopen Oregon" and "Let me earn a living." A group of healthcare workers demonstrated at the top of the Capitol steps, urging a phased plan to ease the state's social distancing requirements. Most of the other protesters ignored them. ; Some cautiously good news for pet owners: The lifting of restrictions on non-urgent medical procedures also includes non-urgent veterinary surgeries and appointments. The Oregonian and OregonLive report Governor Kate Brown has allowed elective veterinary services to resume, provided clinics meet certain safety guidelines: A clinic must have a two-week supply of personal protective equipment appropriate for the number and types of procedures performed—or have vendors lined up to provide a sustained supply of PPE. Caseloads must be managed to minimize close physical contact with clients and healthcare team members. Reopening must start slowly, and criteria must be reassessed every two weeks. Physical distancing should be implemented in exam rooms, treatment areas and waiting rooms and other areas of the facility. Veterinary clinics also are asked to consider having clients wait for their appointment in outside areas, or in their cars, rather than in the waiting room. ; While the wearing of face shields or non-medical masks is not required in Oregon and Lane County, some major retailers are telling customers to put them on or they won't be allowed in stores. Costco stores are requiring masks for shoppers starting today. To reduce crowding in aisles, the giant retailer is also limited to two the number of people admitted to its warehouses per membership card. Costco has also expanded its shopping time for members age 60 and older to five days a week. At its Oregon stores, that is on Mondays through Fridays, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. ; The owner of J.Crew is filing for bankruptcy protection, the first major retailer to do so since the pandemic forced the closing of most stores in the United States. More retail bankruptcies are expected in coming weeks with the doors of thousands of stores still locked. March sales at stores and restaurants had their most severe plunge on records dating back to 1992. Clothing sales fell more than 50 percent that month and it has grown worse. The abrupt closure of stores threatens the overall health of the U.S. with consumers driving 70 percent of all economic activity in the country. The company said that it anticipates its stores will reopen when it's safe to do so. ; More people are turning their gaze outside and taking up amateur bird-watching as the pandemic drags on. Interest in birding has soared in recent weeks as bored Americans notice a fascinating world just outside their door. Downloads of two of the most popular bird identification apps have spiked, and preliminary numbers show sales of things like binoculars, bird feeders and birdseed have jumped even as sales of other nonessential consumer goods are plummeting. The trend coincides with the peak migratory season and nesting season, giving newfound birders a front-row seat to some of nature's biggest shows. ; Alaska Airlines says passengers will soon need to wear face masks on flights due to the threat from coronavirus. In a statement Friday, the Seattle-based airline said face masks will be mandatory beginning May 11. And employees who can't maintain

six feet of distance between passengers and other employees will also be required to wear masks. Alaska says the face mask requirement is one of many safety measures it has taken during the coronavirus pandemic, including more frequent cleaning on flights of places like tray tables and lavatories and blocking middle seats on large aircraft and aisle seats on small planes through May. ; Millions of dollars in federal relief payments are flowing into taxpayers' bank accounts via direct deposit. But Americans without bank accounts will have to wait weeks more to receive paper checks. Many of them are among the nation's poorest families. Advocates for the poor say this is an opportunity to get so-called unbanked Americans into the formal financial system. Advocates are also concerned that when the checks do come there will be long lines at check-cashing businesses. Those lines could pose a risk to public health during the coronavirus pandemic. To help smooth the delivery of the payments, the government launched an online portal for people to provide their banking information for direct deposit. But that system offered nothing to people without savings or checking accounts. A House Ways and Means Committee memo obtained by The Associated Press estimates that about 5 million paper checks will be issued each week, meaning those most in need could wait many weeks for their payments. ; Before the coronavirus pandemic, food policy experts say roughly one out of every eight or nine Americans struggled to afford food. Now some say as many as one out of every four are projected to join the ranks of the hungry as millions lose their jobs. Many parents say they now regularly skip meals to ensure their children have enough to eat. Expert says households with young children, newly jobless "gig" workers, African Americans, Native Americans and immigrants are among those most at risk of going hungry. /

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ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE: The world's largest hornet, a 2-inch killer dubbed the "Murder Hornet" with an appetite for honeybees, has been found in northwestern Washington state, where entomologists were making plans to wipe it out. The giant Asian insect, with a sting that could be fatal to some people, is just now starting to emerge from winter hibernation. "They're like something out of a monster cartoon with this huge yellow-orange face," said Susan Cobey, a bee breeder at Washington State University. "It's a shockingly large hornet," said Todd Murray, a WSU Extension entomologist and invasive species specialist. "It's a health hazard, and more importantly, a significant predator of honeybees." The hornet was sighted for the first time in the U.S. last December, when the state Department of Agriculture verified two reports near Blaine, Washington, close to the Canadian border. The hornet can sting through most beekeeper suits, deliver nearly seven times the amount of venom as a honeybee, and sting multiple times, the department said, adding that it ordered special reinforced suits from China. / SAFETY: A house fire yesterday in North Eugene sent a plume of smoke into the sky and heavily damaged the garage and part of the home. Eugene Springfield Fire and Lane Fire Authority say the blaze was already fairly large when they arrived at the residence in the 200 block of Shamrock Court. Officials say a damaged natural gas meter needed to be dealt as part of the efforts to control the fire. There were no reported injuries to residents or fire crews. An investigation is underway. / COMMUNITY: They are on the front lines in more ways than one. Members of the Lane Professional Firefighters union, the local affiliate of the International Association of Firefighters, yesterday donated \$20,000 to our local food banks. It came after the firefighters and paramedics held a fundraising drive during the past week. They gave \$17,500 to FOOD for Lane County and another \$2,500 to Florence Food Share. The union members serve with Eugene Springfield Fire, South Lane Fire & Rescue, Lane Fire Authority, Western Lane Ambulance, Siuslaw Valley Fire, Oakridge and Crescent Rural. They say they often serve as our community's last line of defense, whether facing fires, traumatic events, medical emergencies, mental health emergencies, or weather emergencies. The pandemic is a different kind of emergency, but the firefighters and paramedics say they recognize that the need is great. / SAFETY, CRIME: The Eugene Police Department is among those honoring the state's fallen public safety officers in a ceremony in Salem today. Because of the pandemic, the gathering is closed to the public this year. But among those being remembered during this afternoon's event at the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training is Eugene Police Officer Chris Kilcullen, who was killed during a traffic stop in 2011. The observance is part of National Police Week. The memorial will include an honor guard, bagpiper, bugler and roll call. In addition to Kilcullen, two other Eugene police officers who died in the line of duty. They are

Officer Jesse Jennings Jackson, who was killed in 1934 in a car crash while pursuing a reckless driver, and Officer Oscar Duley, who was ambushed and shot by a bootlegger in 1930 during a liquor raid in Marcola. ; Eugene Police Crisis Negotiators say he appeared to be despondent. But they successfully talked a man away from the edge of a downtown parking garage during the noon hour Monday. It happened at the parking garage at 7th and Olive Street. Callers reported the man, whom police said was in his late 20s, was yelling, screaming, throwing objects from the structure, and threatening to jump. Police say at one point the man got on the railing with his legs dangling over the edge and was reacting to people on the street. Eugene Police Department's Downtown and Crisis Negotiation teams responded while Eugene-Springfield Fire and EMS staged nearby, and police patrol units blocked traffic in the area. It took about 45 minutes for the crisis team to negotiate with the man, whom officials said not only seemed despondent but appeared to be having a mental break and be on a substance. The man he was taken to a local hospital for evaluation. ; Lane County's district attorney says two Eugene Police officers were justified when they shot and wounded a man during a standoff in South Eugene. D-A Patty Perlow reviewed the evidence in the case involving 54-year-old Scott Edward Gardner, who had refused to leave a townhouse on Westbrook Way on April 12 and was reported to be armed with a shotgun. The suspect's mother and son had left the residence earlier and were provided a hotel room for the night and police made the decision to leave the scene in hopes of deescalating the situation. Police said Gardner appeared highly intoxicated when police contacted him the next day during the noon hour. When the suspect refused to leave the residence that evening, police sent in a remotely controlled robot after breaching a sliding glass door. Moments later, police said they heard shots fired inside the building and heard rounds pass over them, forcing them to take cover. Negotiators continued efforts to get him to surrender. Shortly before midnight on April 13, the robot's cameras observed Gardner coming down the interior stairs of the townhouse armed with a rifle. Eugene Police Officers Tyler Richards and Aaron Johns each fired one shot at Gardner as he stepped into the open front door and started to shoulder the rifle. Gardner sustained two wounds to his lower torso as well as the fingers of his right hand and was heard telling officers as they moved him from the resident to waiting EMTs, quote, "Just kill me." He is recovering at a local hospital. After reviewing evidence, including video, police and witness accounts, the District Attorney ruled the use of Deadly Force was justified. ; The Oregonian and OregonLive are reporting that a girl who was 15 when she took part in the beating death of a sleeping homeless man in Eugene in 2018 has been sentenced to the Oregon Youth Authority, which will determine the length of her term based on her rehabilitation. At most, Jessica Simmons, who is now 17, would serve about eight years. Because her case was handled in Juvenile Court, she cannot be held past age 25. The Eugene murder case involved two juvenile defendants and was the first to be tried under a new law designed to keep teens accused of serious crimes in Juvenile Court, where sanctions are far less harsh than the adult system. Earlier this year, Simmons admitted in Juvenile Court to murder, first-degree robbery and second-degree assault. The state's case against her came to a close Friday when a Lane County judge ordered the teen into state custody. Simmons faced Measure 11 allegations, but Lane County prosecutors did not try to move her into adult court. The teen agreed to cooperate with prosecutors in their case against her boyfriend, Jonathan Kirkpatrick, whom law enforcement officials say carried out the beating of 56-year-old Ovid Neal as he slept on a Eugene city street in October of 2018. Kirkpatrick was 16 when authorities say he punched, kicked and repeatedly struck Neal in the head with a rock as he lay on a sidewalk. Prosecutors say he then stood or stomped on Neal. The state tried unsuccessfully to move Kirkpatrick into adult court. Simmons testified against him during that hearing earlier this year. Last month, Kirkpatrick,

like Simmons, was committed to the Oregon Youth Authority, where he, too, will get out by age 25 at the latest. He is now 18. The victim, Ovid Neal, was a Harvard Divinity School graduate who had been living on the Eugene streets for about two years and struggled with severe mental illness, according to his family.

/ COVID-19; HEALTH, BUSINESS, ECONOMY. LOW-INCOME, HOMELESSNESS, HOUSING, NATIVE AMERICANS, COMMUNITY: If you're driving along Franklin Boulevard just a couple of blocks east of the Matthew Knight Arena you might catch a glimpse of the newest tool in combatting the coronavirus in Oregon. From the outside, you'll see what looks like eight ordinary shipping containers. But they've been converted into airtight chambers that use vaporized hydrogen peroxide to sterilize those N95 respirator masks used by frontline medical workers treating patients with COVID-19. The system can decontaminate and clean up to 85,000 of the masks per day and will serve not just Lane County but hospitals and care facilities from other parts of the state. Participating health care providers will ship their labeled masks to the decontamination site. Technicians will log the inventory and place barcodes on the equipment to track it. Then the masks are sprayed with vaporized hydrogen peroxide to neutralize the virus. The Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, is distributing 60 of the systems—which are designed by the Ohio-based Battelle (buh-TEHL') Memorial Institute—across the U.S. FEMA plans to cover the cost of installation and will manage the operations, providing decontamination free of charge for public and private personnel who use N-95 masks from across Oregon. This decontamination unit is located on the former Romania auto dealership lot at Franklin Boulevard and Orchard Street—under an agreement between the state and the University of Oregon, which owns the property. Oregon Emergency Management officials say the U-of-O is receiving a nominal fee for the use of the site. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently approved the use of decontamination units. Officials with Battelle say the cleaning system will extend lifespan of those protective N95 respirator masks to up to 20 uses. The system will help preserve Oregon's supplies of Personal Protective Equipment—or PPE—for frontline health care workers. State and private procurement of PPE has improved in recent weeks, but Oregon officials say the new decontamination system will significantly increase the lifespan of Oregon's supply of N-95 respirators. ; Lane County Public Health officials yesterday announced one new positive test for the coronavirus. The patient is a man in his 20s who lives in a private residence outside Eugene-Springfield. He is being monitored while he rests at home. Health investigators are working to trace the source of his infection and will get in touch with anyone who might have had close contact with him. Should a public contact exposure point be identified that information will be shared with the public. Lane County now has had 55 positive test results since the first infection was identified in Oregon on February 28. Thirty-five of those patients have recovered, 18 are resting at home. There are no patients currently in local hospitals. Two Lane County residents have died during the past seven weeks from complications of the virus. Since the outbreak began, more than 41-hundred people have been tested in our area. Local labs at McKenzie-Willamette and PeaceHealth continue to ramp up their capacity, in addition to testing already available at several private labs in Oregon. Lane County Public Health officials say they'd like to see the level of testing climb to 1,000 per day to have a good sense of the rate of infection in our community. ; For a second day in Oregon, there were no deaths due to COVID-19. But officials with the Oregon Health Authority yesterday announced 65 new positive tests and 14 new "presumptive cases" of the coronavirus. The totals for the presumptive cases are new and comply with recently updated guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. A presumptive case is when someone who does not have a positive test is showing symptoms of the virus and has had close contact with a confirmed case. If they later test positive, they will be recategorized

as a confirmed case. A presumptive case is investigated by local public health authorities in the same way they would a confirmed case. Presumptive cases are asked to follow the same self-isolation protocol as confirmed cases. In rare instances, a presumptive case will later be diagnosed with another disease that better explains their illness. In those instances, the presumptive COVID-19 case will be recategorized, and they will no longer be reported as a COVID-19 case. ; Since the outbreak began in Oregon, the state has received 2,745 positive test results. More than 63,400 Oregonians have been tested. Of the 207 patients currently hospitalized statewide with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, 41 are being treated in intensive-care units and 17 of those are on ventilators. State health officials say Oregon's hospitalization numbers are down 40 percent from one month ago, another sign that the state's "Stay Home" rules are "flattening the curve" of infections and saving lives. The state's death toll remains at 109. All who have died had previously diagnosed underlying health conditions. ; On Wednesday, May 6, from 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. and Thursday, May 7, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. the Eugene Emeralds, the University of Oregon and Kendall Cares are hosting a combined community event: Inside the Moshofsky Center next to Autzen Stadium, there will be a Blood Donation Drive with the American Red Cross. Outside the Moshofsky Center there will be Diaper Drive for the Relief Nursery. Volunteers will also collect "thank you" cards for essential workers through the Cards from the Heart program. That also takes place outside the Moshofsky Center. The need for blood is constant and patients will continue to need lifesaving blood products during the crisis. The Red Cross has added safety precautions to the blood donation drive to ensure the health and safety of all who attend. This will include a temperature screening, enhanced disinfecting of areas and social distancing wherever possible. Donors are asked to sign up for their appointment time at www.redcrossblood.org/give rather than just dropping by. At this time both days are reaching capacity, but see what times are available and also see the schedule for other upcoming blood drives. Donors must be 17 years old or older, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in general good health. The Relief Nursery works to prevent the cycle of child abuse and neglect with early interventions that focus on building successful and resilient children, strengthening parents and preserving families. During this pandemic, the organization has seen an increase in the need for diapers, especially sizes 5 and 6. Kendall will have a truck on hand to accept donations. In an effort to limit spread of infection, only healthy individuals should drop off donations. Individuals not feeling well or are exhibiting any symptoms to include fever, tiredness and dry cough should stay home. Donors are asked to put items in their trunks/hatch backs and not exit their vehicles when they arrive to the drop off location. An on-site attendant will remove the items for them. Thank you cards and notes of encouragement for local essential workers will also be collected during the drive. Cards from the Heart, was created as a way to spread kindness and joy to those who are working tirelessly in this time of uncertainty. The cards will be delivered to local hospitals and grocery stores and put on display for those working. ; Oregon's U.S. Senators, Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, say Lane County's housing authority is one of 21 public housing agencies in Oregon that will receive a share of more than \$5.7 million in grants to assist tenants having trouble paying rent during the pandemic. Lane's County's "Homes for Good" is getting more than \$537,000. The funding was approved by Congress in late March as part of that massive stimulus program. The funds will help shore up the nation's housing voucher programs for lower-income renters. In Monday's news release, Merkley and Wyden noted that Oregon was already facing an affordable housing crisis before the pandemic. They say this money will help many vulnerable tenants keep roofs over their heads. But they add the long-term problem won't go away when the coronavirus does and will require some bold solutions. ; The U.S. Treasury Department has yet to send payments to tribal governments from a

coronavirus relief package approved in late March. The agency says it hasn't determined how to allocate \$8 billion in funding that was set aside for tribes. Oregon U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley are among those urging treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to release the funds. Treasury officials have said they will post details on their website, but nothing yesterday. The Treasury Department is being sued by tribes seeking to keep the money out of the hands of Alaska Native corporations, which are structured differently from other tribal governments. But the dispute has led to delays in sending funds to all other tribes included in the relief package. ; It's not just the federal and state governments. A lot of local jurisdictions are stepping up to provide support to small businesses during the pandemic. One of the most recent: Junction City. Officials this month launched a grant program that offers up to \$2,500 to qualifying small businesses within the Junction City limits. The money can help owners cover basics like the mortgage or rent, utilities, even insurance premiums. The program is available to small businesses with ten or fewer employees. Want to learn more? Go to the City of Junction City's website. Officials review the first round of grant applications on May 18. ; Claims specialists with the Oregon Employment Department are making progress on that huge backlog of unemployment benefits filings. The agency increased its staff of specialists from slightly more than 100 to more than 500 during the past seven weeks. They're processing between 8,000 and 10,000 claims per day. Of the more than 362,000 requests for initial jobless benefits filed since the week of March 15, claims specialists have processed four out of every five. They hope to get through the remaining 70,000 in the next week to ten days. Oregon Employment Department contact centers also have expanded their call hours from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, are giving call-backs to those with unprocessed claims, and employees are processing claims seven days per week. A new center to handle calls and emails opens later this month. In mid-April, the state began sending an additional \$600 in weekly federal benefits to those who qualified under the federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Program passed by Congress. The state also can now accept and process claims from self-employed, contract and "gig" economy workers after reprogramming their computer system with newly written software. Those workers, who ordinarily do not have access to unemployment benefits because they do not pay into the system, are covered under a that temporary federal program approved by Congress late last month. The program also extends benefits for up to 13 weeks for those who have run out of benefits and remain out of work due to COVID-19 closures. ; If you're struggling to put food on the table during the pandemic, here's a link outlining some of the many resources available in Oregon: <https://oregonhunger.org/covid-19/> Also, the Oregon Department of Human Services has its own page of links, including for those who now qualify for health insurance coverage under the Oregon Health Plan. Go to at <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits> ; The pandemic has canceled another big event in Oregon. It will mean fewer bicycles on the streets of Portland on June 27—but a lot more riders wearing clothes. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the World Naked Bike Ride has been canceled this year. Organizers say it comes after they weighed the risks of spreading the virus during a massive gathering of naked people. The annual event normally attracts thousands of participants who flood the route through the streets of Portland for several hours, while Portland Police provide traffic control. Instead, organizers say "riders are encouraged to celebrate World Naked Bike Ride Day — riding wherever they'd like whenever they like." World Naked Bike Ride Day is officially a global event but Portland typically hosts one of its biggest and best-known gatherings. The event first started in 2004, when only 125 people participated. ; For a fourth year, Lane County officials have prepared a balanced budget proposal that they say does not draw on reserves, includes no layoffs, nor any reductions in services. Lane County officials are expecting to continue to spend money on the local COVID-19

response. But the county also remains focused on basic operations as well as a partnership with other local governments to reduce homelessness. The proposed budget includes \$1.3 million to operate a new shelter and navigation center, as well as other efforts. Lane County's first budget meeting, which is being held online, is this evening at 5:30 p.m. with a public hearing set to begin at 7:00 p.m. Members of the Budget Committee plan several virtual meetings during the next three weeks to review information from each county department. The panel is expected to approve the proposed budget and any recommended changes on May 21. The final document would go to the Board of County Commissioners for potential adoption in June. ; Health officials say eleven employees at the Bornstein Seafoods processing facility in Astoria have tested positive for COVID-19, and the facility has closed until further notice. The Clatsop County Department of Public Health confirmed the number of virus cases on Monday after testing 35 people. The results from five of the tests are still pending. The 11 patients include four women and seven men between the ages of 30-69. Bornstein Seafoods officials contacted health authorities on Friday after the first employee tested positive. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: RECREATION, HEALTH, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, GOVERNMENT, FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME, GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS, COMMUNITY, NATIVE AMERICANS: A handful of Oregon State Parks and outdoor recreation facilities are reopening for day use today. It will be a phased approach: Parks along the Oregon Coast (especially on the northern Oregon coast), the Columbia Gorge, boat accesses to the John Day and Deschutes Rivers, and places like Smith Rock in Central Oregon will likely be among the last to return to limited service at a later date. Governor Kate Brown and state parks officials announced the limited-service opening of the following day-use areas: Willamette Mission north of Keizer; Mongold boat ramp at Detroit Lake; The Cove Palisades boat ramp at Lake Billy Chinook near Culver; Prineville Reservoir boat ramp near Prineville; Pilot Butte to pedestrians (no vehicles) in Bend; Joseph Stewart boat ramp on Lost Creek Lake near Shady Cove; State Capitol State Park in Salem; AND Tryon Creek in Portland. Limited day-use will slowly return to other state parks starting next week (the week of May 11) based on the readiness of the community around the park to welcome visitors, and how prepared the park is with staff, supplies, and equipment. State parks will open and close with little advance notice; updates will be posted online at oregonstateparks.org or call 800-551-6949 (Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.) and should be checked before visiting. Not all restrooms will be open, and parking will be limited. State park camping will return as soon as it can be safely managed, and while preparations are being made, no opening date has been selected. Camping opportunities will become available once federal, state, local, and private providers are able to prepare their facilities for visitors. Ski resorts will also be able to resume activities under an executive order that is being prepared. As limited reopening occurs, it is essential that Oregonians recreate responsibly to protect the health, wellness, and safety of themselves and others in local communities. Guidelines for responsible outdoor recreation include: Prepare before you go. If a park appears crowded, leave and come back at another time. If there's space at the park, patrons need to visit with care: Check what's open before leaving home. Your favorite trail or camp site may remain closed, or need to be closed on a temporary basis, to prevent crowding and protect public health. Watch for signs at the park for more information. Visit less crowded areas, visit during off-peak times, and have a back-up plan. Come prepared: Visitors may find limited restroom services available. Bring your own soap, water, hand sanitizer, and toilet paper. Leave no trace: pack out everything you bring with you. If spending the day on the water, launch one boat at a time to ensure other Oregonians have enough space to launch safely and securely. Leave at least one parking space between your vehicle and the vehicle next to you. It is wildfire season. Please remain safe and vigilant to ensure forest health and safety. Do not start fires in undesignated areas. Check if

your campground or park allows outdoor fires before you strike a match. If permitted, make sure you are building a campfire properly and that you have water or an extinguisher on hand. Before you leave, ensure the campfire is out. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave. Protect for your health during your visit: Wear a face covering. Homemade is fine. Stay at least six feet away from people who aren't from your household. More than six feet is better. Cover your cough with a tissue (then throw it away), or cough into the inside of your elbow. Stick to low-risk activities to reduce stress on local emergency response and health care systems. Not feeling well? Don't go. If you have symptoms of a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, stay home. "We know these last six weeks has seemed longer, but your health is important to us," says Lisa Sumption, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Director. "It is true outdoor recreation boosts our mental and physical health, but parks concentrate people in a community, and we have to do this carefully if it's going to work." "We need your cooperation to keep parks open," she adds. ; Organizers of popular summertime event Cycle Oregon announced in March that they were canceling their signature ride. Yesterday, they said four other related bicycling events also will not take place this year. Cycle Oregon organizers say there's simply no safe way to stage their Classic, GRAVEL, Joyride and Weekender events during the pandemic. Riders come from across the U.S. and the world and visit many Oregon communities, providing an economic boost and fueling future tourism. The non-profit Cycle Oregon events rely on the hard work of vendors and volunteers. Cycle Oregon organizers say they've already lost money on many non-refundable deposits related to planning this year's events. Because of that, they say they can only offer a 70 percent automatic refund on registration fees to riders but will be able to refund 100 percent of any add-on purchases. Registrants are encouraged to donate their refund to Cycle Oregon to support operations and planning for next year's events and community-development projects across the state. Cycle Oregon received a federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan, which will allow the organization to continue to operate through June and process all the details associated with the cancellations. In July, the organization is ending its Portland office lease, furloughing the staff to 60 percent of normal hours, and will work remotely the rest of the year to develop a strategy to carry Cycle Oregon into 2021 and beyond. Cycle Oregon plans to offer the same events and routes that were planned for this year, provided the organization and its vendors and community partners can do so in a way that is safe for participants and the communities they visit. For details about Cycle Oregon's 2020 refund policy or to receive updates about 2021 events as they occur, visit cycleoregon.com ; State officials this week issued a new emergency order to protect Oregonians who have insurance premiums coming due. The new rule from the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services requires health insurance companies to: Provide at least a 60-day grace period to pay any past due premiums; pay claims for any covered services during the first 30 days of the grace period; extend all deadlines for reporting claims and other communications; and provide members with communication options that meet physical distancing standards. The order is in effect through June 3 and will be extended in 30-day increments during the course of the COVID-19 outbreak. ; oregon families with children who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals are going to receive cash benefits for the meals they would have received at school, even if their kids and teens have been picking up to-go meals from schools during the closure. Officials with the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) made the announcement this week. It comes after USDA's Food and Nutrition Service authorized funding for the state's Pandemic School Meal Replacement Benefits for more than 351,000 students who receive free or reduced-price school meals during normal academic years. The households that qualify will receive benefits equivalent to one free lunch and one free breakfast for

each eligible child – \$5.70 per normal school day for the months of March, April, May and June. It's part of an effort to ensure children do not go hungry during the pandemic. For households that already receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP benefits, families will see the funds deposited in their existing Electronic Benefit Transfer or EBT accounts in late May. Students who get their free or reduced-price school meals through the Oregon Department of Human Services but do not receive SNAP benefits will automatically receive an Oregon Trail Card in the mail. Officials also remind you that if your family has experienced significant income loss you now might be eligible for free or reduced-price school meals, and there is still time to apply. Apply online at www.ode.state.or.us/apps/FRLApp/Default or contact your local school. Benefits will be retroactive to March 16, 2020 for students who received free and reduced-price meals when schools closed. For newly eligible free or reduced-price meals or SNAP households, benefits will start at the beginning of the month they become eligible. To apply for Nutrition Assistance, visit needfood.oregon.gov or call 2-1-1. / ; Lane Community College is launching a new, 18-hour rapid certification program to train people as Environmental Services Aides to thoroughly clean and disinfect healthcare facilities. The first class begins online May 11, with a new section of students beginning every two weeks. Students proceed at their own pace to complete the 18 hours within the two-week period. LCC President Margaret Hamilton and Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries Commissioner Val Hoyle began discussing the need for a statewide program about a month ago and formed a team to develop curriculum under the leadership of Russ Pierson, dean of the LCC Florence Center. Additional agencies were consulted and expressed their enthusiasm, including the Oregon Hospital Association and Oregon Health & Science University. "Oregon needs people who can show up at the doorstep of any medical facility in the state already trained in use of PPE, with an understanding of blood borne pathogens, sanitation and disinfection procedures, and with the knowledge to manage the medical waste stream," said Pierson. Environmental Aides will be key frontline workers in reducing and recovering from the COVID-19 outbreak in healthcare facilities and hospitals. The course is certified both as a noncredit training course and as a pre-apprenticeship program with the state—providing a clear path forward for students who are looking to jumpstart a career in healthcare. "This seems to be the right program at the right time as Oregon begins to creep toward whatever the new normal looks like," said Pierson. "In addition to the healthcare sector, we believe the graduates may also be in demand in the travel and hospitality sector, as restaurants and hotels begin to open and seek to assure their clients, customers and guests that their establishments are safe." The course will cover infectious agents; principles of infection control; cleaning vs. disinfection; personal hygiene; using PPE; chemical safety; waste stream; signage; people and roles in a healthcare unit; patients, rooms and high-touch surfaces; safety; risk control; and ergonomics. The training will also include an orientation to the healthcare profession and communications. The cost is \$229 with possible funding for students. For more information or to register, go online at www.lanecc.edu/ce/environmental-services-aide ; Working to manage your finances during this challenging time? DevNW (say: Dev Northwest)—the former NEDCO—is offering access to its financial education classes and counseling, *free of charge*. Dev Northwest is a great community organization with useful resources and a committed staff and volunteers. Go to the DevNW website or its social media pages for a coupon code, then register at www.devnw.org. DevNW will waive its \$75 membership fee through August. Membership includes unlimited access to DevNW's financial counseling, classes and workshops for one year. The effort is underwritten through generous donations from Citizen's Bank, Columbia Bank, KeyBank, Oregon Pacific Bank, and US Bank. The membership fee waiver is available to anyone impacted by COVID-19, no matter how much

they earn or how much their income has been affected. Everyone can benefit by learning to analyze their financial picture like an expert. DevNW offers financial coaching to help you and your family improve your financial health over time. Topics include money management, credit, debt, and making a plan to deal with life in the middle of this or any financial crisis. Upcoming online classes include: Financial Foundations; Homebuying Foundations; Tackling Student Debt; Youth Financial Foundations and more. Classes are taught in English and Spanish. Additional services offered by DevNW that are offered for a fee, including home equity conversion mortgage (HECM) counseling, Student Loan Debt counseling, and IDA application fees. For more than 30 years, DevNW has provided services for low to moderate income households in the Willamette Valley, helping people improve their financial stability and develop long-term financial security. These services are needed now more than ever. ; Voters in Lane County will not be casting ballots on that proposed new county courthouse this year. Members of the Lane County Board of Commissioners decided unanimously yesterday to postpone, saying that the economic climate during the pandemic is not the right time to seek passage of a bond issue to pay for the new Justice Center. The decision came after a recommendation from County Administration, staff and representatives of the Circuit Court, District Attorney's Office, and Sheriff's Office. County leaders say the existing courthouse remains cramped and lacks many structural and security features it needs. But they say the project will have to wait. The current courthouse was built 60 years ago. Efforts to replace it began in 2015. ; For a fourth year, Lane County officials have prepared a balanced budget proposal that they say does not draw on reserves, includes no layoffs, nor any reductions in services. Lane County officials are expecting to continue to spend money on the local COVID-19 response. But the county also remains focused on basic operations as well as a partnership with other local governments to reduce homelessness. The proposed budget includes \$1.3 million to operate a new shelter and navigation center, as well as other efforts. Lane County's first budget meeting, which is being held online, is this evening at 5:30 p.m. with a public hearing set to begin at 7:00 p.m. Members of the Budget Committee plan several virtual meetings during the next three weeks to review information from each county department. The panel is expected to approve the proposed budget and any recommended changes on May 21. The final document would go to the Board of County Commissioners for potential adoption in June. ; There were no new positive tests for the coronavirus yesterday in Lane County. The county remains at 55 confirmed cases since late February including two deaths. But public health officials say 37 patients have recovered from their illnesses. Sixteen are being monitored as they rest at home. There are no patients currently in local hospitals. Since the outbreak began, more than 43-hundred people have been tested in our area. ; State officials say COVID-19 has claimed four more lives in Oregon, raising the death toll from the outbreak to 113. Officials with the Oregon Health Authority say the patients, from Multnomah and Washington counties, ranged in age from 71 to 89. All had previously diagnosed underlying health conditions. Officials with the Oregon Health Authority yesterday announced 72 new positive tests and 8 new "presumptive cases" of the coronavirus. A presumptive case is when someone who does not have a positive test is showing symptoms of the virus and has had close contact with a confirmed case. The new cases bring Oregon's total to 2,839. More than 65,000 Oregonians have been tested. Of the 219 patients currently hospitalized statewide with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, 49 are being treated in intensive-care units and 25 of those are on ventilators. ; Today from 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. and tomorrow from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. the Eugene Emeralds, the University of Oregon and Kendall Cares are hosting a combined community event: Inside the Moshofsky Center next to Autzen Stadium, there will be a Blood Donation Drive with the American Red Cross. Outside the Moshofsky Center there will be Diaper Drive for the Relief

Nursery. Volunteers will also collect "thank you" cards for essential workers through the Cards from the Heart program. That also takes place outside the Moshofsky Center. The need for blood is constant and patients will continue to need lifesaving blood products during the crisis. The Red Cross has added safety precautions to the blood donation drive to ensure the health and safety of all who attend. This will include a temperature screening, enhanced disinfecting of areas and social distancing wherever possible. Donors are asked to sign up for their appointment time at www.redcrossblood.org/give rather than just dropping by. Both days are reaching capacity, but see what times are available and also see the schedule for other upcoming blood drives. Donors must be 17 years old or older, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in general good health. The Relief Nursery works to prevent the cycle of child abuse and neglect with early interventions that focus on building successful and resilient children, strengthening parents and preserving families. During this pandemic, the organization has seen an increase in the need for diapers, especially sizes 5 and 6. Kendall will have a truck on hand to accept donations. In an effort to limit spread of infection, only healthy individuals should drop off donations. Individuals not feeling well or are exhibiting any symptoms to include fever, tiredness and dry cough should stay home. Donors are asked to put items in their trunks/hatch backs and not exit their vehicles when they arrive to the drop off location. An on-site attendant will remove the items for them. Thank you cards and notes of encouragement for local essential workers will also be collected during the drive. Cards from the Heart, was created as a way to spread kindness and joy to those who are working tirelessly in this time of uncertainty. The cards will be delivered to local hospitals and grocery stores and put on display for those working. ; The first person in Oregon to be diagnosed with the new coronavirus has been discharged from the hospital more than two months after being admitted. Hector Calderon, a janitor at an elementary school in Lake Oswego, was serenaded by a mariachi band as he was transported to a skilled nursing facility where he will continue his recovery. Kaiser Permanente Northwest says Calderon was the second patient in the U.S. determined to have contracted the virus through what's known as "community spread." He also was one of the first patients in the nation to receive the drug Remdesivir. ; State officials are ordering a Portland-area nursing home with the largest and most fatal coronavirus outbreak in the state to close. The move comes after Department of Human Services officials found Healthcare at Foster Creek in Clackamas County, quote, "demonstrated a consistent inability to adhere to basic infection control standards." The agency noted in a Monday letter that the nursing homes, quote, "continued operation poses a serious danger to the public health and safety." According to Tuesday data from the Oregon Health Authority, 117 residents and staff at Foster Creek have fallen ill and at least 28 residents have died. A spokesperson for the facility did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment. ; The U.S. Treasury Department says it will begin distributing billions in coronavirus relief funding to tribes. The announcement Tuesday comes more than a week after a congressional deadline to get \$8 billion to tribal governments. Tribes sued to keep the funding from Alaska Native corporations, which own Native land but are not tribal governments. The Treasury Department says tribes will receive a combined \$4.8 billion based on population over the next several days and the rest will be doled out later. Tribes are relying on the money to stay afloat, respond to the coronavirus and recover after shutting down casinos, tourism operations and other businesses. Treasury officials say they will withhold an undisclosed amount calculated for the Alaskan Native corporations until the case is resolved. ; The Warm Springs Reservation has become the first government in Oregon to require quarantine and masks under certain circumstances amid the coronavirus pandemic. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports the Tribal Council this week ordered any citizen or tribal employee working on the reservation to self-isolate if

a healthcare professional says they should. It comes after a spike in positive COVID-19 tests on the reservation, where citizens are also being told to wear face masks in public if they can't maintain 6 feet of distance. ; Why has toilet paper run out during the pandemic? Blame the empty shelves on hoarders who stockpiled toilet paper. During a two-day period in March, online and in-store sales shot up 845 percent as states announced lockdowns, according to a data and consulting firm. Since toilet paper is bulky and not profitable, retailers don't keep a lot of inventory on hand. That made it hard to keep up with surging demand. Demand has since softened and many stores now are limiting the number of rolls customers can buy at once. ; What began as an effort by Whitney Rutz to cheer herself up ended up lifting the spirits of many others — one giant cinnamon roll at a time. Rutz's rolls have raised more than \$35,000 for the Oregon Food Bank. At first, she was auctioning the rolls off — the first went for \$300. Now, Rutz, with some help, bakes a giant roll, 12 inches across and weighing more than five pounds, for every \$500 raised. The highest contributor of the day decides where the roll goes — and most have sent them to health care workers. ; Outdoor gear maker Dakine (duh-KYN') is closing its Hood River office and laying off 39 employees. The Oregonian and OregonLive report human company leaders wrote in their notice to state workforce officials that the health crisis and corresponding state "Stay Home" orders were unforeseen business circumstances that made it financially unfeasible for the company to continue operating. No one at the company returned reporter calls for comment, but Dakine sent a letter to the website Shop-Eat-Surf saying it will move operations and a number of employees to its global headquarters in Southern California. Dakine moved to Hood River in 1986 where it became one of Oregon's signature brands for outdoor gear selling backpacks, luggage, ski and snowboarding gear. ; On Monday, a model from the University of Washington nearly doubled its projection of COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. to around 134,000 through early August, with a range of 95,000 to nearly 243,000. Dr. Christopher Murray, director of the institute that created the projections, said the increase is largely because most states are expected to ease restrictions by next week. Without stay-at-home orders and similar measures, Murray said, "we would have had exponential growth, much larger epidemics and deaths in staggering numbers." But cooperation is waning, with cellphone location data showing people are getting out more, even before their states reopen, he said. / EDUCATION: She has a long history in the Eugene School District, going back to when she was a substitute teacher, then a math teacher before moving through the ranks of instruction, administration, and operations. Members of the Eugene School Board have selected Cydney Vandercar as their finalist to be interim superintendent of Eugene School for the 2020–21 academic year. They'll vote on her appointment during this evening's regular school board meeting. Vandercar currently serves as the district's Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services. She'll take over when current Superintendent Gustavo Balderas leaves for his new job with the Edmonds, Washington, school system in July. Vandercar grew up in Lane County and has been an educator and education leader in the Eugene Schools for close to 30 years and was previously an administrator at South Eugene High School, Spencer Butte Middle School, and Cal Young Middle School before moving into broader roles with the district. As Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, she oversees Finance, Human Resources, Nutrition Services and Public Safety. Vandercar also has recent experience helping to manage the Eugene Schools' pandemic response. When the board approves her one-year interim appointment, Cydney Vandercar will become the second woman to serve as superintendent in the Eugene Schools since the district was founded in 1854. / DEVELOPMENT: (TB-Eugene) — Construction is underway on a portion of the Downtown Riverfront Park. The work is scheduled to continue during the next year with completion slated for late spring of 2021. The three-acre park will be

located along the Willamette River on a portion of the former Eugene Water and Electric Board utility yard. Planners say the park will have an urban character but be balanced by riverbank and habitat enhancements. Highlights will include creating spaces with broad river views, building new bicycle and pedestrian paths, and installing seating and overlooks. The park's design was developed with input from thousands of community members. It includes integrated art that will highlight the area's ecology, industry, and community, past and present. Site preparation began last year with the demolition of old buildings, along with grading of the area and some removal of soil to make the riverbank less steep. The gentler bank is being revegetated with more than 24,000 plants. The adjacent one-acre park plaza, to the west of the Downtown Riverfront Park, will get its own facelift after the opening of the new park, to better tie it in with planned building development in the new neighborhood. Funding for the Downtown Riverfront Park development comes from the 2018 Parks and Recreation Bond and Levy, Urban Renewal Agency funds and capital funds. Eugene-based Brown Contracting is the general contractor for the project. Planners originally hoped to have the project completed ahead of the 2021 World Track and Field Championships at Hayward Field. That event's been postponed one year, but the Downtown Riverfront Park project remains on schedule.

/ SAFETY: Monday's house fire in North Eugene that heavily damaged the home's garage and part of the residence caused an estimated \$80,000 damage. Fire investigators say it was sparked by an overheated battery charger in the garage. They say it is a reminder that battery chargers need adequate air circulating around them and, if possible, should be unplugged when not in use. The blaze damaged a home in the 200 block of Shamrock Court. There were no injuries.

/ SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: May is Wildfire Awareness Month in Oregon, and federal, state, and firefighting agencies are encouraging Oregonians to make sure their homes and property are protected from wildfire. The Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal and Keep Oregon Green, in collaboration with Oregon forest protective associations, the Office of Emergency Management and federal wildland agencies, are taking this opportunity to promote defensible space around homes before fire strikes this summer. With many Oregonians spending more time at home because of statewide efforts to control the spread of COVID-19, residents can use the coming weeks to reduce risks and make their homes and communities safer. "The roof is one of the most critical parts of the house when it comes to wildfire protection," says Oregon State Fire Marshal Jim Walker. "Embers can collect and ignite on the roof, in gutters and enter unscreened openings around the house. Non-combustible roofing material is preferred. Regardless of the construction, please keep your roofs, gutters and eaves clear of all leaves, pine needles and other flammable debris." To reduce the risk, fire officials suggest removing dead vegetation a minimum of 30 feet around homes and other structures. In most cases, trees and healthy plants do not need to be removed. However, trees should be pruned and grass kept short and green to keep fire on the ground and more manageable by fire crews. Maintain a five-foot fire-free area closest to the home using nonflammable landscaping material and fire-resistant plants. "Defensible space is a property's first line of defense against wildfire," says Oregon Department of Forestry Fire Prevention Coordinator Tom Fields. "Creating and maintaining defensible space around homes can improve your property's likelihood of surviving a wildfire. Having defensible space also makes it safer for firefighters who may have to defend someone's home." Homeowners should also consider access issues for large fire trucks. Long driveways should be at least 12 feet wide, have 10 feet of vegetation clearance from the centerline out, and about 14 feet overhead. Large vehicle turnaround areas are critical for your safety as well as firefighter safety. Should a fire occur near a community, Oregon Office of Emergency Management Director Andrew Phelps encourages residents to be prepared if an evacuation is necessary.

“Wildfires can come without warning and move quickly, so residents need to prepare now in case they have to leave their home,” Phelps said. “Make sure to put together a ‘Go Kit,’ register for emergency notification systems in your community and make a plan where your family will go and how you will stay in contact if evacuated.” It is the homeowner’s responsibility to protect their homes by building defensible space. For more information, visit the websites for the Office of State Fire Marshal, the Office of Emergency Management, Keep Oregon Green and the Oregon Department of Forestry, or call your nearest ODF or forest protective association office. Additional information on preparing for wildfires can be found on the Ready.gov website. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEALTH, ECONOMY, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT: Nearly 3.2 million laid-off workers applied for unemployment benefits last week as the business shutdowns caused by the pandemic deepened the worst U.S. economic catastrophe in decades. Roughly 33.5 million people have now filed for jobless aid in the seven weeks since the coronavirus began forcing millions of companies to close their doors and slash their workforces. That is the equivalent of one in five Americans who had been employed back in February, when the unemployment rate had reached a 50-year low of just 3.5 percent. ; We'll hear the latest jobless numbers for Oregon later today, when officials release details on initial unemployment benefit filings from last week. Oregon Employment Department claims specialists continue working to clear the backlog from earlier filings and are processing more than 10,000 claims applications daily. This morning's agency numbers indicate fewer than 3,000 claims are awaiting review from the month of March, all of which were filed the Week of March 28. The state has received more than 360,000 thousand filings in the past six weeks and claim specialists have cut the backlog to 61,000. That means about one in every six jobless filings have been reviewed but 17 percent remain. It has been difficult if not impossible for some laid-off workers to get through on Employment Department phone lines or receive email replies. The Oregonian and OregonLive quote David Gerstenfeld, an assistant director at the Employment Department, says many of the claims that date back to March involve people with complicated work histories. He says others came from unemployed workers who were not eligible for benefits until recent changes in federal law that broadened the categories of people who can receive payments. ; Later this morning, Governor Brown and state health officials hold a news conference to release new guidance for counties and businesses looking to reopen. It's part of that three-phase framework for restarting the state's economy. It comes after the governor and others gathered input from local and business leaders to determine the best way to gradually reopen businesses while working to prevent a "second wave" of infections that could force another shutdown. ; Thousands of Oregon small businesses that were unable to access Paycheck Protection Program loans from the Small Business Administration during the program's first round of funding have managed to secure loans in the program's second round. The Oregonian and OregonLive report that data released by the Small Business Administration shows more than 31,000 Oregon businesses received approval for loans through the program between April 27 and May 1. Reporter Jamie Goldberg notes those businesses will receive a combined more than \$3 billion in funding with an average loan size of just over \$97,000. The Paycheck Protection Program, which is supposed to give small businesses a lifeline during the COVID-19 crisis, was criticized in April for giving loans to large companies and favoring certain states

over others. Congress approved an additional \$310 billion for the program in late April after it ran out of its initial funding in 13 days. Applications for the second round of funding opened April 27. Some of the issues that marred the program during the first round of funding seem to have been addressed during the second round. The Paycheck Protection Program loans were designed to give businesses with fewer than 500 employees loans to support eight weeks of payroll, while allowing businesses to use leftover funds on mortgage interest, rent and utilities. If employers maintain pre-COVID levels of employment after eight weeks, the loan is forgiven. Unforgiven balances convert to a two-year loan with an interest rate of one percent. ; After all the work securing a Payroll Protection Program small business loan, it's something most company owners wouldn't even think about. And really, they don't need to. Officials with the Oregon Department of Revenue said yesterday that those loans, along with assistance to business under that big federal stimulus package are NOT considered commercial activity under Oregon statute and will NOT be subject to the Corporate Activity Tax. Visit www.oregon.gov/dor to get tax forms, check the status of your refund, or make tax payments. ; Up in Albany, Linn County Public Health officials say they are working with operators of a frozen foods facility to reopen after a cluster of coronavirus cases. The National Frozen Foods Corporation on April 23 temporarily closed its plant for a deep cleaning and to add physical distancing elements to the workplace. It came after eight members of its 300-employee workforce and two of those workers' family members had positive tests for COVID-19. The company expanded testing and, as of yesterday, the number of positive results had grown to 30 employees and four of their family members. As part of its efforts to reopen by today, National Frozen Foods ordered additional personal protective equipment for employees, completed a walkthrough of the plant with Linn County Environmental Health, and partnered with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to ensure safe food processing. The Oregon Health Authority and federal health officials say there have been NO reports suggesting the coronavirus can be transmitted via food packaging. But they suggest that, as you would do after handling and preparing fresh ingredients, you wash your hands after handling any packaged food items. ; Lane County Public Health officials yesterday announced one new positive test for the coronavirus, bringing our cumulative numbers of cases to 56 with two earlier deaths. The newly diagnosed patient is described as a person in their 50s who lives in a private residence in the Eugene-Springfield area and is being monitored while resting at home. County health investigators are contacting individuals who had contact with the patient so they may consult with their health care provider about next steps. Public health officials say 38 local patients have recovered from their illnesses. Sixteen are being monitored as they rest at home. There are no patients currently in local hospitals. Since the outbreak began, at least 4,600 people have been tested in Lane County. ; State officials say COVID-19 has claimed two more lives in Oregon, raising the death toll from the outbreak to 115. Officials with the Oregon Health Authority say the 88-year-old man from Multnomah County and the 95-year-old man from Polk County both had previously diagnosed underlying health conditions. Officials with the Oregon Health Authority yesterday announced 70 new positive tests and 7 new "presumptive cases" of the coronavirus. A presumptive case is when someone who does not have a positive test is showing symptoms of the virus and has had close contact with a confirmed case. Testing for new cases brings Oregon's confirmed total to 2,887. Close to 68,000 Oregonians have been tested. Of the 191 patients currently hospitalized statewide with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, 47 are being treated in intensive-care units and 20 of those are on ventilators. ; Large crowds and heavy traffic are anticipated at Hendricks Park for Mother's Day on Sunday, May 10. While this longstanding tradition has been enjoyed by residents for decades, Eugene officials are encouraging you to avoid the crowds and risk of spreading

the virus. Instead, visit other parks closer to home or visit Hendricks Park on another day. To help accommodate the anticipated traffic, Fairmount Boulevard will be turned into a one-way road, allowing west-bound traffic only, from Fairmount's intersection with Floral Hill Drive to the 2800 block of Fairmount Blvd. This will be in effect from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Mother's Day. Eugene Parks staff will be on-site assisting with traffic flow and parking. Many paths in the garden will be converted to one-way trails to limit people congestion and reduce the need to closely pass other visitors. While all Eugene parks and trails remain open for use, there are limitations to keep everyone safe. Eugene Parks and Open Space continues to ask you to: Minimize travel and take advantage of your nearest park. Steer clear of crowded areas, including parking lots. Areas including Hendricks Park and Spencer Butte Trail are having issues with overcrowding. Visit parks during off-hours and leave if it becomes too crowded. Keep 6 feet away from those not in your household. Be aware of your surroundings so you can maintain 6 feet of distance while allowing others to pass you on paths and trails. Playgrounds, sport courts and skateparks are closed. Do not enter these closed areas. If you are feeling sick, stay home. Parks and Open Space is working hard to maintain critical services such as garbage pickup, restroom cleaning, mowing and addressing safety hazards with reduced staff. Park Ambassadors and Eugene Park Resource Officers are providing their regular safety presence in the parks and natural areas. On Mother's Day, Eugene Parks and Open Space will release a video tour of the park in bloom on Facebook for those that want to experience the park from the comfort of their own home or share the experience with moms across the country. ; Have you filled out your Census form, either online, by phone, or by mail? The nationwide headcount only happens once every ten years, but the numbers help guide all sorts of critical decisions, including how much money different states and communities receive in federal funding for a wide range of programs. That can include money for healthcare, education, nutrition, employment and transportation—just to name a few areas where distribution of funds is based at least in part on Census figures. Coming off this pandemic, that funding could be critical. So state and local officials are urging everyone to be counted so money that should be going to Oregon doesn't wind up someplace else. Oregonians' response rates are running at close to 60 percent. Slightly more than half have filled out their forms online. The Census asks a few simple questions about you and the people living in your household on April 1 of this year. Your responses are confidential. Participate and complete your Census form online at 2020census.gov / SAFETY: Springfield police say excessive speed, distraction and failure to obey a traffic light potentially contributed to yesterday morning's fatal traffic crash at 5th and Centennial. It happened shortly after 7:30 a.m. and involved two vehicles. Police say one of the drivers, 76-year-old Sally Rozendal of Springfield, died in the crash. The other driver, 32-year-old Darla Brown of Springfield and her passenger were evaluated by medics who said she had minor injuries. The Springfield Police Department Major Accident Investigation Team is working is working with the Lane County District Attorney's office in investigating the crash. / CRIME: Oregon State police are continuing to investigate Sunday's complaint of a shooting on Interstate Five—which turned out not to be a shooting but a drug case. Late Sunday morning, troopers were dispatched after a report from a motorist who claimed someone shot at him while he was driving northbound on I-5 in northern Douglas County. State Police say the motorist, a 30-year-old Florida man with a 30-year-old California man as his passenger, continued to drive another 20 miles—with a flat tire—before troopers located him in a rest area in Southern Lane County. That's when investigators say they discovered the driver was under the influence of marijuana and surmised his paranoia had led him to believe someone had shot at him. Instead, investigators believe what he heard was the sound of his tire blow-out. Troopers say they searched the man's vehicle and seized

approximately 95 grams of marijuana, marijuana items and \$29,790 in cash. They say the cash was concealed in a package of diapers and the marijuana was located in the driver's compartment of the vehicle. The driver was cited for DUII and the Lane County District Attorney's Office is reviewing evidence of alleged Money Laundering. ; Some additional details from the Lane County District Attorney's office in the case of 54-year-old Scott Edward Gardner, who was shot and wounded by two Eugene police officers when he started to shoulder a rifle at the conclusion of a standoff in mid-April in South Eugene. Officials now say that firearm was a semi-automatic rifle. The officers were unhurt. Earlier this week, D-A Patty Perlow ruled their use of force was justified. Gardner remains hospitalized for wounds to his lower torso and the fingers of his right hand. On Monday, he was arraigned in his hospital bed on two counts of Attempted Murder in the First Degree, and two counts of Unlawful Use of a Firearm. He also was arraigned on multiple counts including Criminal Mistreatment, Assault in the Second Degree, DUII, Resisting Arrest, and Criminal Mischief in the First Degree with a Firearm. /

MILITARY: Close to 60 Oregon National Guard Soldiers along with six CH-47 Chinook helicopters departed Wednesday for Fort Hood, Texas, to prepare to be mobilized for deployment to Afghanistan. Members assigned to Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 168th Aviation Regiment will carry cargo and equipment while resupplying areas around Afghanistan. The 1-168 will train in Texas for several weeks before heading overseas. /

SPORTS: Five Pac-12 schools, including Oregon, recently announced plans to reopen their campuses this fall for in-person classes. That's also a key step for the eventual restarting of college sports. Many more steps still need to be taken before football or any other sport is played in the fall of 2020 as the world copes with the coronavirus pandemic. And even though Oregon, the Washington schools and both Arizona schools last week announced plans for Fall term classes, officials with seven other conference schools still are mulling whether to follow suit or continue holding sessions online. ; The NCAA has approved a waiver that will allow schools to spend below the minimum level on athletic scholarships required to compete in Division I. The Division I Council Coordination Committee approved two other blanket waivers Wednesday that had been requested by several conferences in recent weeks in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Basketball and football players will be allowed to participate in summer athletic activities without being enrolled in school. /

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ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: It's shaping up to be a warm spring weekend with highs close to 80 degrees here in Eugene-Springfield and near 90 in parts of Southern Oregon. Protect your health when you're working and playing. And prevent grass fires and wildfires: Fire officials say conditions are unusually dry for this time of year. "This is definitely anything but normal," says Oregon Department of Forestry Fire Prevention Coordinator Tom Fields. "On top of concerns related to COVID-19, we're witnessing early July-like conditions that bring with it the threat of wildfires. And that is even more evident with this weekend's forecast of abnormally high temperatures." The already dry conditions are due to well-below precipitation levels in April, but will be aggravated by forecasted temperatures in the mid 80's and dry, east winds that will elevate fire risk across much of Oregon through Mother's Day. So far this year, there have been 116 fires on Oregon Department of Forestry-protected lands, twice the average. More than half of this year's fires (59) have resulted from escaped backyard debris burns. Take precautions now: Cover debris burn piles with a tarp or other form of plastic sheeting and waiting until next fall to burn. If your plans call for camping, check before you go to see if campfires are allowed. If campfires are allowed, build them in safe areas away from brush, grass and overhanging tree limbs and make sure that they are completely out before leaving or going to bed. May is Wildfire Awareness Month and fire officials from multiple protection agencies are encouraging everyone to do their part to Keep Oregon Green. For more information, visit the websites for Keep Oregon Green at www.keeporegongreen.org, and the Oregon Department of Forestry at www.oregon.gov/odf / ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION: Those much-discussed limited-entry permits for the Central Cascades Wilderness area won't go into effect until May of next year. Officials with the Willamette and Deschutes National Forests say the pandemic has created all sorts of logistical issues as their staffs focus on gradually reopening shuttered recreation sites to visitors. The Central Cascades Wildernesses limited entry system was set to begin on May 22. It would have created day-use limits on 19 of 79 trails and overnight limits on all trails into the Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington and Three Sisters Wilderness. Now, that won't happen until May of 2021. But one new restriction is going into effect this season: a ban on campfires above certain elevations. That's to prevent the risk of devastating wildfires. All campfires are banned above the 5,700-foot elevation in Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, and Three Sisters Wildernesses, as well as some heavily-used areas that are lower than 5,700 feet. In addition, all campfires are banned above the 6,000-foot elevation in Diamond Peak Wilderness. Otherwise, the wilderness areas will be managed this year as they were previously. The Willamette National Forest will maintain the Pamela and Obsidian limited entry areas, and both forests will maintain the free self-issue

permit systems for entering the wildernesses. / AGRICULTURE: Insect experts are dismissing as media hype the recent worry about so-called murder hornets spotted in Washington state. They say despite its homicidal nickname and this week's headlines, the Asian giant hornet is not a big threat to people. The world's largest hornets could be a threat to honeybees if they get established in America. But they have not yet. No live hornets have been found in the U.S., only dead ones. And they say the only live nest seen in North America was wiped out last September. Experts across the country are getting calls from worried people thinking they saw one of these hornets, but say they've seen other large insects, not the hornets. / COVID-19: RECREATION, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, HEALTH, SPORTS: Ready to head to the lake? The Army Corps of Engineers has relaxing restrictions at many of its day-use sites in Oregon and Washington. Not all sites are reopening. Those that are will only offer day-use access. Camping and overnight use is not allowed for now. And all visitor centers, playgrounds and group picnic sites remain closed. In the Willamette Valley, the newly reopened sites include: Fern Ridge Dam - Jeans Park; Cottage Grove Dam - Lakeside Park and Wilson Creek Park Boat Ramps (Note: the adjacent parks are closed); Dexter Dam- Middle Fork Launch; Lookout Point Dam - Signal Point Boat Ramp; Dorena Dam - Bake Stewart Park and Harms Park; Fall Creek Dam - Tufti Park; Foster Dam - Andrew S. Wiley Park; Green Peter Dam - Billings Park and Whitcomb Bridge Park; The Corps is asking all visitors follow safety guidelines: Stay home if you're experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms. Do not travel farther than necessary and do not stay overnight to recreate. Do not gather in groups: Limit your outing to those in your household. Utilize facial coverings where physical distancing is not possible. Maintain a minimum six-foot social distance from other people in all areas including trailhead and boat ramp locations. Parking may be limited, but recreation users must park in designated spots. Bring your own food and supplies, including hand sanitizer, soap, water, face mask, disinfectant wipes, etc. Be considerate of other park visitors: Public restrooms are only as clean as the last user. Where restrooms are available, they may not have hand sanitizing stations. The Corps will close any public park, land, trail or boat ramp if there is reason to believe an unsafe condition exists or physical distancing practices are not being followed. And if you're planning to go on the water, wear a personal floatation device. For now, Corps life jacket loaner stations are not available in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. ; Gov. Kate Brown and state health officials on Thursday outlined a plan to reopen restaurants, gyms, salons and barber shops, and outdoor recreation businesses as early as next Friday in parts of Oregon. But she cautioned that restrictions could be reimposed if COVID-19 infection rates surge. The governor also announced that on May 15 she will loosen restrictions statewide on daycares and on retail shops that were previously closed, including furniture stores, boutiques, jewelry stores and art galleries. Counties that have very small numbers of coronavirus cases and that have seen declining infection numbers and believe they meet the reopening criteria can submit their plans to the state for approval starting today. But they must have strong health systems in place, good levels of testing and contact tracing for people who become infected and isolation facilities set aside up for homeless residents who have no way to observe a quarantine order. Counties that qualify could also ease the limits on the number of people in public gatherings from 10 to 25. But Brown asked those planning large gatherings, such as concerts, festivals, sporting events and conventions, to cancel or significantly modify plans for anything scheduled through at least September. The governor says such events will not be possible until there is a reliable treatment or vaccine. Brown says state officials will provide guidance later this summer for those planning large events during the fall and winter. Lane County officials are among those submitting an application to reopen as early as May 15—next Friday. But local officials caution that even if reopening is

approved, an abrupt increase in infections could bring more restrictions. They are asking everyone to continue practicing physical distancing and wear cloth face shields or masks in public when that is not possible. Rural counties in eastern Oregon also might be ready to meet the criteria, but some more-populated parts of the state are still dealing with local outbreaks and might be weeks away from receiving approval. Those include the tri-county Portland metropolitan area as well as Marion County, which includes Salem. Counties that receive permission to partially reopen on May 15 must wait 21 days before applying to enter the second phase. That allow larger public gatherings and fewer restrictions on the number of people allowed in many businesses. Visitors would also be allowed to again access nursing homes and prisons well. ; When will Lane County's economy reopen? County officials are submitting an application to reopen today and, if approved by state officials, would allow many businesses to begin reopening as early as May 15—next Friday. Heather Buch, the chair of the Lane County Board of Commissioners, notes that the panel voted unanimously on Tuesday to begin the application process. But she and the mayors of Eugene and Springfield caution that even when reopening begins, an abrupt increase in infections could bring more restrictions. They are asking everyone to continue practicing physical distancing and wear cloth face shields or masks in public when that is not possible. ; On the heels of the governor's announcements, major fairs and festivals began canceling their summer gatherings. Among them: The Oregon Country Fair, which was set for July 10-12 on the fair's property west of Veneta. The Oregon State Fair, originally set for August 28 through September 7. Organizers of other events are expected to announce cancellations or rescheduling in the next few days. ; Will the Ducks and Beavers play their first fall football games in empty stadiums? It's a possibility, as cases of COVID-19 continue to be diagnosed across Oregon. Governor Kate Brown and state health officials yesterday announced plans to begin allowing some counties to reopen their economies, provided their diagnosed cases of the coronavirus are low or zero. But while those counties would be allowed to increase the size of public gatherings from 10 to 25 people, Brown asked those planning large gatherings, such as concerts, festivals, sporting events and conventions, to cancel or significantly modify plans for anything scheduled through at least September. The governor says such events are simply not safe until there is a reliable treatment for COVID-19 or a vaccine becomes available. Among the most high-profile sports events that would be affected: Pac-12 football games at Autzen and Reser Stadiums. The Oregon Ducks are scheduled to host North Dakota State on Saturday, September 5. One week later, on September 12, Oregon hosts Ohio State. Oregon State hosts Colorado State in its home opener on Saturday, September 12. That's the first of three back-to-back contests at Reser that will bring Portland State to Corvallis on September 19 and Washington State on September 26. Some college athletic directors have discussed whether to shorten or delay the season, which might mean moving football to the spring of 2021—which would be a challenge for television coverage if the games took place during the college basketball season. Other college sports would also be affected, including cross country, volleyball and soccer. ; With the governor loosening the restrictions on social gatherings to allow them to expand from 10 to 25 people, The Oregonian and OregonLive report some churches are planning to reopen this weekend by offering a series of services for smaller groups of congregants and parishioners. Any gatherings that occur still need to maintain safe physical distancing of six feet between worshippers. But 10 churches from across the state this week have asked a judge to rule that the limitations on the size of gatherings and physical distancing requirements infringes on their religious freedoms. The churches are in Baker City, Bend, Camas Valley, Klamath Falls, Lincoln City, Newberg, Portland, Roseburg and Salem. The suit says they have so far respected the governor's order banning gatherings over a certain size but no

longer believe such an order is justified. ; Lane County Public Health officials yesterday announced one new positive test for the coronavirus, bringing our cumulative numbers of cases to 57 with two earlier deaths. The newly diagnosed patient is described as a person in their 50s who lives in a private residence in the Eugene-Springfield area. They are resting at home. Health investigators say they've also linked a case announced on Wednesday—another Eugene-Springfield resident in their 50s—to a previously diagnosed case. Public health officials say 42 local patients have recovered from their illnesses. Thirteen are being monitored as they rest at home. There are no patients currently in local hospitals. Lane County Public Health officials say there are 11 people being monitored because they were in close contact with someone who has since been diagnosed with COVID-19. Those individuals are being asked to self-isolate for 14 days and their temperatures are being taken twice a day. They are also being tested. Since the outbreak began, at least 4,900 people have been tested in Lane County. ; State officials say COVID-19 has claimed six more lives in Oregon, raising the death toll from the outbreak to 121. Officials with the Oregon Health Authority say the patients—four women and two men—ranged in age from 62 to 84 and lived in Multnomah, Clackamas, Marion and Polk counties. All had previously diagnosed underlying health conditions. State health officials also announced 70 new positive tests and 3 new “presumptive cases” of the coronavirus. A presumptive case is when someone who does not have a positive test is showing symptoms of the virus and has had close contact with a confirmed case. The updated test numbers for new cases brings Oregon's confirmed total to 2,989. More than 70,000 Oregonians have been tested. Of the 171 patients currently hospitalized statewide with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, 48 are being treated in intensive-care units and 23 of those are on ventilators. While the number of hospitalized patients dropped by 20 from Wednesday to Thursday, the ICU and ventilator numbers are up a bit from the day before. ; Officials with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are awarding more than nine million dollars to be allocated among 30 health centers in Oregon to expand COVID-19 testing. The funding was included in the second Congressional stimulus package finalized on April 24, which included added money for hospitals and healthcare providers. Locally, Lane County will receive \$570-thousand and the Eugene-based White Bird Clinic will receive \$201-thousand. The funding may be used to expand the range of testing and testing-related activities, including walk-up and drive-up tests. The money may also be used to secure additional personal protective equipment, train staff, pay for laboratory services and notify contacts identified by health investigators who have been exposed to infected patients. ; Another 19,600 workers filed initial claims for unemployment benefits last week with the Oregon Employment Department. The agency now has received more than 381,800 initial claims in the seven weeks since coronavirus-related businesses closures began in mid-March. Over the past seven weeks, the largest numbers of claims have come from the accommodation and food services sector, followed by health care and social assistance, then retail trade. The state employment agency continues expanding its ability to process more claims for unemployment benefits. There are currently 635 employees working unemployment claims, with more hiring underway and a new contact center opening next week. Claims processing continues seven days per week. The backlog currently stands at 61,000 claims but personnel are clearing close to 10,000 of those daily. Officials say four out of five initial claims for regular unemployment benefits received between March 15 and May 2 have been processed. And during each of the past four weeks, they say more claims have been processed than received in Oregon. The Employment Department has also processed more than 10,000 applications for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits for the self-employed, contract, gig, and other workers not eligible for regular unemployment benefits. In addition to more staffing, the

Employment Department also continues working to implement more unemployment benefit programs. Programming and testing is underway for the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program. This provides up to 13 weeks of extended unemployment benefits for those who have run out of benefits and remain out of work due to COVID-19 business closures. ; The U.S. unemployment rate hit 14.7 percent in April, the highest rate since the Great Depression, as 20.5 million jobs vanished in the worst monthly loss on record. The figures are stark evidence of the damage the coronavirus has done to a now-shattered economy. The losses reflect what has become a severe recession caused by sudden business shutdowns in nearly every industry. Nearly all the job growth achieved during the 11-year recovery from the Great Recession has now been lost in one month. The collapse of the job market has occurred with stunning speed. As recently as February, the unemployment rate was a five-decade low of 3.5%, and employers had added jobs for a record 113 months. In March, the unemployment rate was just 4.4 percent. The government's report noted that many people who lost jobs in April but didn't look for another one were not even counted in the unemployment rate. The impact of those losses was reflected in the drop in the proportion of working-age Americans who have jobs: Just 51.3%, the lowest on record. In addition to the millions of newly unemployed, 5.1 million others had their hours reduced in April. That trend, too, means less income and less spending, perpetuating the economic downturn. A measure of what's called underemployment — which counts the unemployed plus full-time workers who were reduced to part-time work — reached 22.8 percent, a record high. Though some businesses are beginning to reopen in certain states, factories, hotels, restaurants, resorts, sporting venues, movie theaters and many small businesses are still largely shuttered. As companies have laid off tens of millions, lives have been upended across the country. ; Oregon U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden on Thursday announced nearly \$16 million in assistance for Oregon fisheries, fishing businesses, fish processors, and others who have been impacted by coronavirus-related closures. The funding is Oregon's portion of the \$300 million in fisheries assistance included in the massive federal stimulus package approved in late March. The funding will be administered by NOAA Fisheries and the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. Those eligible for funding include commercial fishing businesses, charter and for-hire fishing businesses, qualified aquaculture operations, processors, tribal nations, and other fishery-related businesses. / CRIME: Unfortunately, criminals are not taking a break during the pandemic. Eugene Police say they arrested a suspect this week in connection with numerous vehicle break-ins in the downtown area. 31-year-old Michael Adren Zoch was taken into custody Tuesday near 10th and Olive and charged with Unlawful Entry into a Motor Vehicle, Criminal Mischief, Criminal Trespass, Unlawful Possession of Heroin and Methamphetamine, and Parole Violation. It came after he was recognized by investigators on surveillance video from a downtown Eugene parking structure that showed a man breaking the window of a vehicle. Police also remind you not to leave any items in sight when you park your car. Eave them at home or ensure they are securely stowed BEFORE you drive and park someplace. ; Meantime, some businesspeople in the West Eugene industrial Area say they've experienced some vehicles break-ins and thefts of catalytic converters from their fleets in recent weeks. In one instance, they say a thief cut through a chain-link fence to access their property. If you see anything suspicious, call the police. ; Police say they have charged a 39-year-old Eugene man, Kai Rose, with Criminal Mischief as a suspect in numerous graffiti tags in the downtown area in recent weeks. Investigators say they've connected Rose to more than 20 graffiti markings and would like to hear from anyone who believes their property was tagged. If anyone has information regarding the case (case number 20-06733), contact Eugene police at 541-682-5111. Officials say graffiti is

a common problem because there are fewer people out and about to observe and report this crime and because others have too much time on their hands. Graffiti is more than a nuisance. It costs private property owners, schools, and businesses money and time to address the damage. City resources are also spent in erasing the markings. Each year, the City of Eugene Public Works Maintenance Division removes more than 9,250 tags on public property. At its worse, graffiti can demean a group or specifically and hatefully target individuals. These are reported as bias crimes and carry enhanced penalties. Private property owners are encouraged to document and remove graffiti immediately because doing so promptly discourages additional graffiti. Taggers derive a certain excitement and thrill to tag in as many places as possible. Leaving it can attract other taggers to follow suit. Local paint stores can provide helpful information and products to help remove graffiti. ; Linn County Sheriff's investigators are asking the public for help in identifying human remains that were found on April 3 in the Willamette National Forest east of the city of Sweet Home, off Gordon Road. Detectives and the Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office have determined the partially skeletonized remains are that of a white female, between 30-50 years of age, with short, wavy brown hair. It is estimated her remains had been there between eight weeks to one year prior to being found. Clothing found with the unidentified female includes a size "extra small" purple athletic jacket, a teal-colored camisole, size nine-and-a-half black boots and size 5 or size 6 blue jeans with a 32-inch length. Detectives worked with Oregon State Police and Clackamas County Sheriff's Office to have a facial composite drawing created of the female and have posted it on their website and on social media. DNA has been submitted for testing and results are pending. Anyone with information regarding this investigation or the female's identity is encouraged to contact Detective Colin Pyle with the Linn County Sheriff's Office at (541) 967-3950. / SAFETY: Have you seen him? The Lane County Sheriff's Office is seeking assistance locating Chase Robertson, a 25-year-old local man whose family says they have not heard from him since April 29. Since Saturday, deputies have searched areas Robertson was known to visit. On Monday, they located his car in the area of Quartz Creek Rd. in eastern Lane County. But Lane County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue K-9 and ground teams have not located him. Nor has the Oregon Army National Guard, which assisted with air support on Tuesday. Trained searchers are continuing to look for Chase in the heavily wooded area south of Cougar Reservoir but have exhausted all initial leads. Officials say Chase Robertson is a 25-year-old white male who stands six feet tall and weighs approximately 200 pounds. He has blue eyes and short, blond hair. He is known to have short, reddish facial hair, as well. Investigators say Chase Robertson is familiar with the McKenzie River area and has wilderness experience. The Lane County Sheriff's Office is asking anyone who has seen Chase since April 29 or knows his whereabouts to call 541-682-4150. Press 1 and refer to case # 20-2843. / MILITARY: Members of the Oregon Air National Guard are scheduled to make multiple F-15 Eagle flyovers over hospitals and other locations throughout Oregon during the month of May to frontline medical workers. The tributes involve members of the 173rd Fighter Wing based in Klamath Falls and the 142nd Wing based in Portland. You won't hear the jets today in the Eugene-Springfield and Roseburg area but you will next Friday, May 15, when flyovers are set for our region. Today's flyovers include the mid-Willamette Valley—including over the Oregon Veterans' Home in Lebanon, and hospitals in Lebanon, Albany and Corvallis. Other flights are set for the Portland area, Columbia Gorge, Oregon Coast and portions of southern Oregon. Flights are expected to occur between 8:50 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. The flyovers are part of a national effort to salute healthcare first responders. Military officials say the flyovers are at no additional cost to taxpayers because they are taking the place of regularly scheduled training. Anyone who gets video or photos of the F-15s flying overhead are

encouraged to post on social media using the hashtags: #AirForceSalutes,
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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, RECREATION: As we begin the week, Lane County has a total 59 positive tests for the coronavirus since the outbreak began in Oregon in late February and one presumptive case. Public health officials say 42 local patients have recovered from their illnesses. Sixteen are being monitored as they rest at home. There are no patients currently in local hospitals. There were two earlier deaths. Since the outbreak began, at least 5,200 people have been tested in Lane County. ; State officials yesterday reported 60 new positive test results for COVID-19 and eight new presumptive cases. There were no new deaths, meaning the cumulative death toll from the outbreak remains at 127. The updated test numbers for new cases brings Oregon's confirmed total to 3,228. More than 75,000 Oregonians have been tested. Of the 164 patients currently hospitalized statewide with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, 45 are being treated in intensive-care units and 22 of those are on ventilators. ; At least 20 of Oregon's 36 counties on Friday and Saturday submitted their plans to the governor's office seeking approval of Phase One of easing coronavirus-related restrictions. Lane County was among them, submitting a 40-page application. Leaders of the Oregon Health Authority say they will review the applications quickly and notify counties whether they may begin loosening their restrictions starting Friday. It comes after Governor Kate Brown and state health officials last week outlined their detailed plan for beginning to reopen the state. But they stressed that the easing of restrictions on businesses and residents could be rolled back if there is a surge in new cases of COVID-19. Counties that have had few cases of the coronavirus and appear to have plateaued are seeking approval to reopen certain businesses including restaurants with limited sit-down service; gyms; salons, barber shops, nail salons, tattoo parlors, and other personal service businesses; as well as outdoor recreation businesses. Later this week, the governor says she will loosen restrictions on daycares and retail shops statewide, including furniture stores, boutiques, jewelry stores and art galleries. Counties that have small numbers of coronavirus cases and that have seen declining infection numbers and believe they meet the reopening criteria can submit their plans to the state for approval starting today. But they must have strong health systems in place, good levels of testing and contact tracing for people who become infected and isolation facilities set aside up for homeless residents who have no way to observe a quarantine order. Counties that qualify could also ease the limits on the number of people in public gatherings from 10 to 25. But Brown asked those planning large gatherings, such as concerts, festivals, sporting events and conventions, to cancel or significantly modify plans for anything scheduled through at least September. On Friday, organizers of July's Lane County Fair announced they were canceling this year's event. While Lane County officials are optimistic their

application to reopen more businesses and relax some restrictions will be approved, they caution that an abrupt increase in infections could bring more restrictions. They are asking everyone to continue practicing physical distancing and wear cloth face shields or masks in public when that is not possible. Rural counties in eastern Oregon also might be ready to meet the criteria, but some more-populated parts of the state are still dealing with local outbreaks and might be weeks away from receiving approval. Those include the tri-county Portland metropolitan area as well as Marion County, which includes Salem. Counties that receive permission to partially reopen on May 15 must wait 21 days before applying to enter the second phase. That allow larger public gatherings and fewer restrictions on the number of people allowed in many businesses. Visitors would also be allowed to again access nursing homes and prisons well. Oregon is currently under a statewide stay-at-home order and schools are closed through the end of the school year. Restaurants can offer take-out or delivery service only and most retail, except for grocery stores, pharmacies, and other essential business, are closed. State health authorities will be monitoring infection rates closely and will act if they cannot trace the origins of at least 75 percent of new infections or if the number of new cases or hospitalizations increase for seven consecutive days. ; Cannon Beach police asked about 700 people on the beach to leave on Saturday, and did the same with another 60 on Sunday. The Oregonian and OregonLive report it came after officials with the City of Cannon Beach issued an emergency order last week closing the beaches from Saturday morning through tomorrow evening. The order beaches cited local concerns about non-residents flocking to the Oregon Coast, draining community resources and risking the spread of the coronavirus. It came as the forecast called for warm weather and after Cannon Beach and other coastal communities were inundated during that first sunny weekend of Spring Break in March as the virus was spreading in Oregon. Similar closure orders were in effect for the city of Seaside a few miles north. Reporter Kristi Turnquist quotes the Cannon Beach city manager who wrote in a Sunday email that most who showed up on Saturday were from out of town. He added that some had questions and comments but all were eventually cooperative. In March, the number of tourists on the beaches and their behavior in coastal communities prompted many local officials to give visitors 24 hours to leave, closing campgrounds and parks, and banning many short-term rentals and hotel stays. ; State forestry officials say they're temporarily closing all dispersed camping on Oregon state forests because of health and safety issues. The closure takes effect today. Dispersed camping areas typically do not have restrooms or garbage disposal, and campers are expected to pack out everything they bring in and properly dispose of human waste. But officials with the Oregon Department of Forestry say problems with trash and human waste accumulation in these areas have become insurmountable and hazardous for the public and the agency's employees. The closure applies to dispersed camping on the Tillamook, Clatsop, Santiam, Sun Pass and Gilchrist state forests as well as all other lands managed by the Oregon Department of Forestry. The closure is expected to last several weeks while additional resources are brought on to clean the areas and make them safe for public use again. There is no date set for re-opening of dispersed camping. The agency had previously closed Oregon Department of Forestry-managed campgrounds and day use areas. Forest roads and trails remain open. People visiting state forests for daytime recreation should know: There are no restrooms or garbage disposal sites available. Leave no trace on the landscape, which includes packing out all garbage. Human waste must be buried at least 6 inches underground and away from trails, parking areas, bodies of water and any other areas where people commonly gather. Physical distancing still applies in the outdoors. Plan on maintaining a six-foot distance from people outside of your party, and you are encouraged to wear a cloth face covering when interacting with others. Plan on recreating elsewhere if social distancing is not

possible due to crowding. Due to restroom closures, you are also strongly encouraged to bring personal hygiene supplies with you, such as hand sanitizer or soap and water. ; Seventeen people have tested positive for the coronavirus within the Veterans Affairs Portland Health Care System, most within the past week, and the hospital's emergency room has stopped accepting ambulances in response to the outbreak. The Oregonian and OregonLive quote a statement provided by the facility that says the current cluster of COVID-19 cases is associated with a medical-surgical inpatient unit at the Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and involves three patients, 13 clinical staff and one medical trainee. According to the statement, on April 29, a veteran who had been non-symptomatic and tested negative for COVID-19, was transferred from a community hospital to the VA medical center. Upon arrival at the medical center, the veteran was re-tested. On May 1, the results came back as positive, and the veteran was transferred to the hospital COVID-19 unit. Contacts were traced and tested, and employees identified as being exposed to the patient were considered at low or moderate risk and were monitored. On May 4, a second veteran and inpatient who had previously tested negative was retested for a procedure, and the test came back positive. That day, the medical center was notified that an employee was being admitted to a community hospital with a confirmed case of COVID-19. On May 8, the medical center implemented new precautionary policies, including not accepting ambulances to the emergency department, and halting inpatient transfers. The hospital is also reconsidering plans to increase outpatient procedures after Gov. Kate Brown loosened restrictions on May 1. ; A new survey of Oregon health care providers suggests immunizations in the state may have dropped dramatically due to the COVID-19 crisis. Oregon Health Authority released the survey results on Friday. They show that as many clinics changed their immunization practices to protect patients in the early weeks of the pandemic, many parents of young children postponed seeking the immunizations, as did some adults. Some clinics say they were forced to postpone or cancel "well child" visits as they worked to reconfigure their facilities and operations. Others said they were dealing with a shortage of staff and more vulnerable workers stayed home. But many of the medical practices and clinics say they are working to contact families of children with missed immunizations and schedule "catch up" appointments. But about one in three clinics are still working to get their new immunization system launched. The survey results are similar to those the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported last week. CDC researchers observed a "notable decrease in orders" for non-influenza childhood vaccines and measles vaccines since the March 13 declaration of a national emergency due to COVID-19. Oregon Health Authority officials also saw a marked decrease in vaccine orders during the past seven weeks. That's fueling concerns the U.S. might see outbreaks of measles and other preventable diseases in the coming months. A federal program provides vaccines at no cost to children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of inability to pay. CDC buys vaccines at a discount and distributes them to grantees including the Oregon Health Authority and some local health departments, which in turn distribute them at no charge to private physicians' offices and public health clinics registered as providers under the program. ; Oregon OSHA, the state's workplace safety agency, is delaying until June 1 enforcement of a temporary rule to increase protections for farmworkers during the pandemic. It comes after requests from employers who say they need more time to comply with the rule's requirements. Most of those requirements originally were set to take effect today. They deal with field sanitation, housing, and transportation: In field sanitation, for example, it will require employers to appoint one or more social distancing officers to ensure there is at least six feet of separation during work activities, breaks, and meal periods. There will also be more portable toilets and handwashing stations in the fields and facilities will need to be sanitized at least three times per day.

Farmworker temporary housing will need to provide at least a six feet separation of beds or an impermeable barrier between them. The use of bunk beds by unrelated people will be prohibited. Common-use toilets and handwashing facilities and other high contact common-use items and areas will need to be sanitized at least twice daily. Employers also will be required to provide appropriate cleaning materials to enable occupants to keep private living areas sanitary. In transportation, the rule will require at least three feet of social distancing during travel in employer-provided vehicles, as well as that facial coverings be worn by passengers and by the driver in employer-provided vehicles. High-contact areas in employer-provided vehicles must be sanitized before each trip or at least two times daily if in continuous use. About two-thirds of Oregon's agricultural labor camps are in Hood River and Wasco counties in the Columbia River Gorge, where farmers produce most of the state's labor-intensive pears and cherries. But some are in the Willamette Valley, including some that serve large nurseries. Once the rule goes into effect on June 1, any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 must be reported immediately, day or night. And employers must follow certain requirements, including ensuring that food and water is provided to those in isolation. State officials say the delay also will allow more time for Oregon OSHA to complete educational efforts to help employers understand and meet the rule's requirements. The rule will remain in effect until no later than October 24.

; Health officials in Astoria said Friday that 12 more workers at Bornstein Seafoods have tested positive for the coronavirus, bringing the total in that outbreak to 26. The Astorian reports the Clatsop County Public Health Department began testing workers at the seafood processor on May 2 after the company informed the county that an employee had tested positive. The county finished testing all 200 workers earlier last week. Seventeen of those with positive tests live in Oregon's Clatsop County while the rest live in Washington's Pacific, Grays Harbor and Cowlitz counties. Bornstein Seafoods temporarily closed its two plants at the Port of Astoria.

; The Oregon Shakespeare Festival, a major tourist draw in southern Oregon, is canceling its fall season due to the coronavirus outbreak. In a statement the festival noted that the governor on Thursday urged organizers of large gatherings to cancel, postpone or significantly modify any of their events planned between now and the end of September. The Shakespeare Festivals' season was set to begin Sept. 8. The festival is urging 2020 ticket holders to donate the refund on their tickets or consider a voucher for use in 2021. The Tony Award-winning Oregon Shakespeare Festival is among the oldest and largest professional nonprofit theaters in the nation.

; Some ski resorts in Oregon are preparing to reopen, but exactly when they can operate again is still up in the air. Oregon Governor Kate Brown is expected soon to issue an executive order to officially allow ski resorts to resume operations. John Burton, spokesman for Timberline Lodge and Ski Area on Mount Hood, said the resort has been getting ready to reopen and plans on hiring back workers it laid off in April.

; Some churches last week sued Oregon Governor Kate Brown, arguing her coronavirus stay-at-home orders are unconstitutional. The lawsuit by the churches are being led by Common Sense for Oregon, a nonprofit led by former Republican gubernatorial candidate Kevin Mannix. The Pacific Justice Institute is arguing the case for the plaintiffs. It says it "seeks to invalidate" three orders, starting with Brown's initial emergency declaration, signed on March 8. The suit argues that emergency powers only last for 30 days and after that Brown would have needed legislative approval.

; The Internal Revenue Service it will accept bank account information until 9 a.m. on Wednesday if you qualify for a federal stimulus payment and want to receive it by direct deposit. Approximately 130 million people have already received payments worth more than \$200 billion, according to the IRS. The agency plans to send more than 150 million payments in total. The IRS is using bank account information from those who've made federal tax payments in the past two years to automatically make direct deposits.

People who are not required to file tax returns — such as those who receive Social Security, disability and veterans' benefits — will automatically receive their payments the same way they typically get their federal benefits. But anyone else who does not provide their direct deposit information online by 9:00 a.m. Wednesday will receive the money by check to the address on file, with those payments expected to arrive in late May and June. If you want to submit your information by Wednesday morning, go to www.irs.gov. The push to get payments out quickly comes as Congress is debating whether to send another round of direct payments to households as unemployment numbers skyrocket and many states remain under full or partial "Stay Home" orders. / RECREATION: Eugene's Owen Rose Garden is temporarily closed for major paving improvements beginning today (Monday, May 11) through the end of the month. The park is scheduled to reopen in time for peak blooms in June. The paving upgrades to the park will allow visitors with mobility challenges better access to the garden. Improvements include: New concrete pavement to match the current path on the main loop around the garden and connecting the parking lot to the restroom and the South Bank Ruth Bascom Path on the northwest side of the garden. A narrowed path under the State Heritage cherry tree. Root probing conducted by the city's Urban Forestry team determined that the cherry tree roots would not be disturbed. New concrete pavement connecting to the South Bank Path on the east side of the garden. Due to the scale of these improvements, the park must be closed to ensure the safety of visitors and contractors. The importance of improving our public open spaces is more apparent than ever. These upgrades will help make the park more accessible for generations to come. / TRANSPORTATION: Lane Transit District will NOT operate bus service or RideSource paratransit service on Memorial Day (Monday, May 25). The LTD Customer Service Center in the Eugene Station also will be closed. Bus and RideSource services resume their adjusted COVID-19 service schedules on Tuesday, May 26. And a reminder: Lane Transit currently is not offering Sunday Service on its adjusted COVID-19 bus schedule. Riders should make other transportation plans for Memorial Day Weekend's Sunday and Monday. See the latest bus schedules and more at www.LTD.org or by calling the Customer Service Center at 541-687-5555 (7-1-1 TTY). / LAW ENFORCEMENT: Governor Kate Brown has ordered all flags at public institutions throughout Oregon be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Friday, May 15, in observance of Peace Officers Memorial Day. "I extend my sincere gratitude to all those who dedicate their lives to keeping Oregon safe and secure," said Governor Kate Brown. "Our law enforcement and peace officers have served our communities in extraordinary ways as we've faced the COVID-19 crisis, and I invite all Oregonians to join me in showing appreciation and support to them. I also invite Oregonians to keep all who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty in our thoughts and prayers as we recognize Peace Officers Memorial Day in Oregon." /

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WILDLIFE: they say it happens very rarely but it happened yesterday on private timberlands outside Creswell. Officials say they tracked down a bear matching the description later in the day and killed it. State wildlife officials say a 72-year-old man was attacked by a male black bear after it encountered the man and his dog during the noon hour. The man was able to walk home after the incident, sought medical attention, and was treated and released from the hospital yesterday. It happened about five miles west of Creswell near Camas Swale Road. The victim told investigators he and the dog encountered the bear on a road just 20 feet away from them. The man said his dog barked and ran at the bear. As the bear knocked the dog down and moved over the dog, the man said he approached yelling and waving his arms in an attempt scare the bear away. Instead, he said the bear turned on him—charging and knocking him to the ground. The man fought back and after a short time the bear left. The man and dog, both injured, hiked about one mile back to his residence and was taken to the hospital for medical care. He suffered lacerations and punctures to his forearm, torso and head and was released after treatment. His dog was treated by a veterinarian. Both are expected to fully recover. Oregon Department of Wildlife, Oregon State Police and USDA Wildlife Services personnel responded after being notified by the Lane County Sheriff's Office. They located fresh bear sign was located and Wildlife Services hounds gave a short chase before treeing a large, mature male bear with a light-colored muzzle that matched the victim's description. The bear was shot and killed at about 5:30 yesterday evening. The bear is being examined and tested for a variety of diseases including rabies, which is common practice after any incident when an animal has injured a person. Human-bear incidents are rare in Oregon. Black bear populations number between 25,000-30,000 statewide but there have only been four previously reported incidents in the state since 1988, none of them fatal. To stay safe in bear country, officials advise you to: Avoid trails with bear tracks or bear sign. Make noise when hiking so as not to surprise a bear. If you see a bear, leave the area. Stay far away from cubs—mother is nearby. Leash dogs. A loose dog may lead a bear back to you. Don't hike after dark. Consider carrying bear spray in areas known to have bears. For more information on co-existing with bears and what to do if you encounter one, visit www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living_with/black_bears.asp / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, COVID-19: Wildfire season is arriving early this year, fueled by less rain and fast-melting snowpack. Now, a number of private timberland owners and managers in Western Oregon say they are closing their land to public access starting Monday, May 18. Officials with Seneca, Lone Rock Resources, Giustina Resources, Campbell Global, and Giustina Land & Timber Company say the closure will affect roughly 600,000 acres in Lane, Douglas, Coos, Benton, Linn,

Polk, Jackson, Josephine, and Curry counties. State forestry officials say Oregon has already experienced three times as many fires than normal this year and the Oregon Department of Forestry's Southwest Oregon District declared the start of its fire season on May 1st, the earliest since 1968. Other districts are expected to declare an early start to their fire seasons, as well. While some public forests remain open on a limited basis, many have closed—sending more people to private forestlands to relax and play. But the private timber owners say they do not have the infrastructure and personnel to handle the surge in visits. Nor do they have organized campgrounds where brush is trimmed back or designated fire rings. An estimated seven out of ten wildfires in Oregon are human-caused. State and private forestry officials are urging everyone to be safe and prevent wildfires. They say that is especially important this year, since fire crews must limit their operations to ensure physical distancing and other safe practices during the pandemic. Additionally, wildfire smoke aggravates breathing conditions. COVID-19 is a respiratory disease and smoke can make it harder for patients to breathe. ; New plans offer a national reimagining of how to fight wildfires amid the risk of the coronavirus spreading through crews. But it is not clear how officials will get the testing and equipment needed to keep firefighters safe in what is expected to be a difficult fire season. A U.S. group last week released broad guidelines to consider when sending crews to battle the blazes. Different parts of the country can tailor the guidelines, which include having firefighters camp in smaller groups and keeping crews separated. A letter from lawmakers says the U.S. Forest Service determined that large fire camps could have a disproportionately high mortality rate in worst-case scenarios. Agency officials say that risk assessment is "outdated." / COVID-19: GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, HEALTH, FAMILIES, COMMUNITY, RECREATION, EDUCATION, SPORTS: From surging revenues to gaping budget gaps: Oregon and other states are reeling from the economic crisis triggered by the coronavirus and related shutdowns. With revenues cratering, Oregon Governor Kate Brown yesterday warned state agencies to prepare for a 17 percent budget cut totaling close to \$3 billion. The state's next revenue forecast will be issued on May 20 and will provide a fuller picture of how big a funding loss the state is facing. Brown said earlier that with revenues falling she was "gravely concerned" about the state's ability to deliver basic services in the coming months. Oregon's economy was booming before the arrival of COVID-19, with unemployment rates at record lows and officials looking at how to spend and invest a projected \$1.5 billion tax surplus. Most cuts would be made to the state's general fund budget, which provides many of the emergency services on which Oregonians relied during the past two months. The current general fund budget for the 2019-2021 biennium is about \$25 billion. But with many Oregon businesses shut down or on restricted operations, as well as more than 384,000 Oregonians who have applied for initial unemployment benefits, the state budget hole is growing at an alarming rate. "Whether the state will need to implement this level of cuts will be dependent on several factors, most importantly the need for additional federal funding to support state services, including our K-12 public school system. I will continue to work with Oregon's congressional delegation in calling for more federal support. I will also work closely with Legislative leadership on the best ways to balance the budget. I am committed to doing so in a thoughtful, collaborative manner that explores all tools available. ; governors and legislative leaders from five western states, including Oregon, that are coordinating their response to the coronavirus outbreak are asking Congress to send \$1 trillion to state and local governments across the U.S. in the next federal aid package. The elected officials from Oregon, Washington, California, Colorado, and Nevada sent the letter Monday to leaders in the U.S. House and Senate. They say they will have to make deep budget cuts unless states receive more aid. Without that assistance, they warn their states face deep cuts to services like public health, public safety, public

education and programs that help get people back to work. Without that assistance, they warn their states face deep cuts to services like public health, public safety, public education and programs that help get people back to work. The request comes as Congressional leaders are divided over whether to approve another round of relief. House speaker Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat, has said state and local governments desperately need the aid. Senate President Mitch McConnell, a Republican, has not supported those efforts, saying the shortfalls are the result of bad decisions made in the past. ; At least 32 of Oregon's 36 counties, including Lane County, now have submitted their plans to the governor's office seeking approval of Phase One of easing coronavirus-related restrictions. Leaders of the Oregon Health Authority are reviewing those applications and hope to notify counties in the next day or so whether they may begin loosening their restrictions starting Friday. Governor Kate Brown and state health officials last week outlined their detailed plan for beginning to reopen the state. But they stressed that the easing of restrictions on businesses and residents could be rolled back if there is a surge in new cases of COVID-19. Counties that have had few cases of the coronavirus and appear to have plateaued are seeking approval to reopen certain businesses including restaurants with limited sit-down service; gyms; salons, barber shops, nail salon, tattoo parlors, and other personal service businesses; as well as outdoor recreation businesses. Later this week, the governor says she will loosen restrictions on daycares and retail shops statewide, including furniture stores, boutiques, jewelry stores and art galleries. Counties that qualify could also ease the limits on the number of people in public gatherings from 10 to 25. To reopen, counties must have strong health systems in place, good levels of testing and contact tracing for people who become infected and isolation facilities set aside up for homeless residents who have no way to observe a quarantine order. But those planning large gatherings, such as concerts, festivals, sporting events and conventions, have been told to cancel or significantly modify plans for anything scheduled through at least September. While Lane County officials are optimistic their application to reopen more businesses and relax some restrictions will be approved, they caution that an abrupt increase in infections could bring more restrictions. They are asking everyone to continue practicing physical distancing and wear cloth face shields or masks in public when that is not possible. Counties that receive permission to partially reopen on May 15 must wait 21 days before applying to enter the second phase. That allow larger public gatherings and fewer restrictions on the number of people allowed in many businesses. Visitors would also be allowed to again access nursing homes and prisons well. ; Lane County public officials did not announce any new positive tests for the coronavirus yesterday, so we remain at 59 confirmed cases since the outbreak began in Oregon in late February and with presumptive case. Forty-five local patients have recovered from their illnesses. Thirteen are being monitored as they rest at home. There are no patients currently in local hospitals. There were two earlier deaths. Since the outbreak began, at least 5,800 people have been tested in Lane County. ; State officials yesterday reported 51 new positive test results for COVID-19, seven new presumptive cases, and three more deaths. Our cumulative death toll now is 130. The three who died were a 91-year-old Polk County man; a 77-year-old Washington County woman; and a 64-year-old Umatilla County man. While the 91-year-old had an underlying health condition, officials say the Washington County woman did not and they are working to determine whether the Umatilla County man had any preexisting health issues. Of the 163 patients currently hospitalized statewide with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, 40 are being treated in intensive-care units and 23 of those are on ventilators. The updated test numbers for new cases brings Oregon's confirmed total to 3,222. More than 77,000 Oregonians have been tested. ; Oregon OSHA, the state's workplace health and safety regulator, has cited

operators of an Albany frozen food plant for failing to implement physical distancing measures to protect workers from the spread of the coronavirus. The citation against National Frozen Foods carries a proposed penalty of \$2,000. It came after an inspection was launched April 20 in response to multiple complaints about the facility, which produces frozen fruits and vegetables. Under a state executive order aimed at slowing the COVID-19 pandemic, employers are required to maintain physical distancing policies to keep workers at least six feet apart. But Oregon OSHA inspectors say the company allowed 18 employees who were stationed at frozen packaging lines nine at a time during day and swing shifts to work just two feet to four feet from each other. And regulators say National Frozen Foods continued to allow the practice after multiple employees who worked on the packaging lines tested positive for COVID-19. As of Thursday, Linn County Public Health officials said the number of positive results stood at 30 employees and four of their family members. The National Frozen Foods Corporation on April 23 temporarily closed its plant for a deep cleaning and to add physical distancing elements to the workplace. Linn County Public Health officials said last week they worked with operators to reopen the facility after company leaders ordered additional personal protective equipment for employees and completed a walkthrough of the plant with Linn County Environmental Health and partnered with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to ensure safe food processing. The Oregon Health Authority and federal health officials say there have been NO reports suggesting the coronavirus can be transmitted via food packaging. But they suggest that, as you would do after handling and preparing fresh ingredients, you wash your hands after handling any packaged food items. ; This week, 100,000 randomly selected Oregonians will begin receiving postcards and letters in the mail asking them to volunteer for a statewide study. The results could provide health experts with the data they need to track the spread of the coronavirus. It is part of a larger, cautious effort to reopen businesses and get the state's economy back on its feet as all of us work to find a "new normal" after the pandemic. State officials say the results of that voluntary testing—coupled with data on current cases, hospital capacity and infection trends—will help drive a lot of other state decisions. The research effort, dubbed "Be the Key," is being led and coordinated by OHSU, the Oregon Health and Science University. ; The Internal Revenue Service it will accept bank account information until 9 a.m. on Wednesday if you qualify for a federal stimulus payment and want to receive it by direct deposit. Approximately 130 million people have already received payments worth more than \$200 billion, according to the IRS. The agency plans to send more than 150 million payments in total. The IRS is using bank account information from those who have made federal tax payments in the past two years to automatically make direct deposits. People who are not required to file tax returns — such as those who receive Social Security, disability, and veterans' benefits — will automatically receive their payments the same way they typically get their federal benefits. But anyone else who does not provide their direct deposit information online by 9:00 a.m. Wednesday will receive the money by check to the address on file, with those payments expected to arrive in late May and June. If you want to submit your information by Wednesday morning, go to www.irs.gov The push to get payments out quickly comes as Congress is debating whether to send another round of direct payments to households as unemployment numbers skyrocket and many states remain under full or partial "Stay Home" orders. ; Officials with the Eugene Family YMCA say they have received a \$50,000 gift from PeaceHealth's Community Benefit Award Fund to support the programs the organization has developed and expanded during the pandemic. The Y was forced to close its doors when statewide "Stay Home" orders went into effect, but staff have enhanced their virtual health and wellness offerings, as well as outreach to members dealing with isolation and depression. The Eugene Family YMCA is also a key partner in the local effort to provide free

emergency childcare for first responders, medical professionals, and essential workers. The childcare services are part of a collaboration with the City of Eugene along with the Eugene, Bethel, Springfield, and South Lane School Districts along with other partners. Many PeaceHealth workers are among those using the emergency childcare program. ; More signs of the slow easing of coronavirus restrictions and the gradual reopening of some popular recreation spots. Some additional Oregon State Parks on the west side of the Cascades have reopened their day-use facilities on a limited basis in recent days, including the Lowell and Dexter State Recreation Sites here in Lane County. Both parks are open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for limited daytime use. But officials say you should be prepared to turn around if the sites are crowded and find someplace else. And because services are limited, bring your own water, food, and hand sanitizer. If people ignore physical distancing and sanitation rules, the facilities may close without notice. Other state parks sites in Lane County remain closed for now, including along the Oregon Coast. But the Oregon State Parks and recreation department is maintaining a Park Status map on its website at www.oregonstateparks.org. Check there for daily updates. In Central Oregon, two popular state parks off Highway 97 have opened for limited day-use: La Pine State Park, Collier State Park, and—off Highway 126—Cline Falls Scenic Viewpoint north of Bend. Not all restrooms will be open, and parking will be limited. State park camping will return as soon as it can be safely managed, and while preparations are being made, no opening date has been selected. ; One of Oregon's most popular state parks will reopen in a limited way Thursday. The Statesman-Journal is reporting that Central Oregon's Smith Rock State Park will partly reopen for the first time since it was closed on March 23 in the wave of closures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. But parks officials say the reopening will include significant limitations. Parking will be limited by roughly half while the campground and visitor's center yurt will remain closed. In addition, while rock climbing will be permitted, not every trail will be open. Misery Ridge Trail, the park's most popular area, will remain closed. Parks officials also stressed that the reopening is geared toward locals, not people driving across the state to visit. Anyone who does travel to Smith Rock State Park should bring their own water, a face covering, sanitizer, and other supplies. ; Oregon State University is preparing plans to resume in-person instruction in late summer and fall term on its campuses in Corvallis and Bend, pending state authorization. University of Oregon officials announced earlier that they, too, are working to reopen their Eugene campus for in-person Fall Term classes. Under a best-case scenario, OSU campuses and facilities would reopen with most employees would be back at their work sites by September 1. Fall classes are scheduled to begin September 23. Most in-person instruction and other activities would resume, though with modifications for physical distancing. Over much of the summer, the university will continue to provide remote instruction. Oregon State officials say their Pandemic Resumption Plan was in close coordination with state and local public health officials and the governor's office. OSU officials say they will refine the plan over the coming months as they gather input from faculty, staff, students, and others. The reopening of OSU's campuses in Corvallis and Bend will rely on workplace health monitoring measures combined with public health messages and feature enhanced cleaning and hygiene practices. Oregon State officials say there will also be staggered work schedules and other social and physical distancing measures. ; The Construction Contractors Board or "CCB," the state agency that licenses contractors in Oregon, has a message for homeowners making urgent repairs during the COVID-19 crisis: Protect your investment: Check the license of any contractor you are thinking of hiring. State officials say roof leaks, water heater problems, and plumbing or electrical failure require quick repairs. By checking to ensure your contractor is licensed and bonded, your money is protected, and you have access to the Construction Contractors Board's

Dispute resolution service should any problems arise. Additionally, you are making sure your business goes to licensed contractors who follow state health and safety rules and carry adequate insurance. The CCB provides up to 10 years of history on any contracting license for those searching online. You can learn more about a contractor and see whether there have been any complaints and, if so, how they were resolved. The Construction Contractors Board requires all licensed contractors to carry a bond and insurance, which cover damage to property and injuries caused by the contractor or its employees. Contractors that have employees are also required to carry workers' compensation insurance. Homeowners who hire unlicensed contractors have little recourse when a home improvement project goes wrong. Some homeowners choose to go to court at their own expense, but many simply give up and hire a licensed contractor to repair the damage.

How Do You Check a License? Go to the Oregon Construction Contractors Board website, enter the contractor's license number and search. Verify that the license is "active," that the contractor carries the endorsement for residential work, and that the name and other information on the license matches the contractor you are considering. Go to www.oregon.gov/CCB to learn more. You may also report unlicensed contractors and other illegal activity on the CCB's website. Call 503-378-4621 for help searching or understanding the results.

Members of Oregon's Construction Safety Task Force have published free online resources for the construction industry. They include a safety checklist, best practices, and photographs showing examples of safe worksites. It comes after task force members and a consultant from Oregon OSHA—the state's workplace health and safety regulator—visited nine job sites across the state, including in Eugene, to assess the best ways of protecting workers and their health during the pandemic. The task force is a partnership of union and non-union industry professionals that meets twice a week to monitor updated health information and government guidelines. Unlike many other states with stay-at-home orders, Oregon Governor Kate Brown did not close the construction sector. But she did require those managing work sites to ensure there was adequate physical distancing and other safety features. That's kept tens of thousands of workers on the job across Oregon. Task force members include representative from construction businesses and worker councils, contractors, and trade associations from across the state and Lane County.

It is the start of a high school graduation season unlike any in our lifetimes. And with commencement ceremonies canceled by the pandemic, some educators are getting creative about celebrating students and their achievements. On Friday, teachers from privately operated Oak Hill School in Eugene traveled more than 100 miles in a caravan to different parts of Lane County to visit with students from a safe distance and provide them with a few gifts to celebrate their academic achievements. They also planted congratulatory yard signs. Some of the special gifts included treats from a local dessert maker, Sweet Life Patisserie. But those taking part said the caravan went beyond a few gifts, allowing faculty to strengthen the connection with their students that went beyond computer screens. For many of the teens, this is their last chance as students to directly interact with their teachers before they graduate. Other high schools are planning their own unique observances as commencement season arrives.

Athletic officials with the Pac-12 Conference have discussed an 11-game regular season played solely against conference opponents as one possibility for keeping college football going this year amid the coronavirus pandemic. Southern California coach Clay Helton confirmed the all-conference idea Monday as one of several scenarios being evaluated by the Pac-12's coaches and administrators. Pac-12 teams typically play 12-game schedules with three nonconference games. An all-conference schedule would minimize travel for a far-flung conference but would wipe out several high-profile nonconference games on the league's schedule this fall. Helton repeatedly emphasized that the Pac-12 does not expect to finalize a plan

for at least six weeks while gathering information and observing the progress of the pandemic. Washington is supposed to host Michigan in the Huskies' season opener on September 5, two days after Utah opens its season against archrival BYU. California is slated to host TCU in its opener, while Ohio State visits Oregon one week later. USC is scheduled to face Alabama in its season opener in Arlington, Texas. The Trojans also are slated to host Notre Dame in November for the famed intersectional rivalry that dates to 1926 and has been played every year since World War II. Even if college football happens this fall, the coaches realize the strong possibility that their teams will play without fans in the stands. Helton said most coaches are "optimistic, glass-half-full people" who will encourage their players to make the best of such a situation. / CRIME: A 30-year-old man faces charges of Unlawful Use of a Firearm and being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm after an incident in Springfield where shots were fired. Police say they arrested Christopher Thomas Quesenberry several hours after they began receiving calls shortly after 5:30 p.m. from residents in the neighborhood of the 1400 block of "L" Street. Several residents reported seeing a male firing a weapon in front of a residence during a dispute with another male. They said the suspect retreated into the house prior to police arrival. No one was injured during the incident. When officers arrived, they surrounded the house and blocked adjacent streets. But they were unable to make phone contact, and used a loudspeaker was used to hail to the occupants of the house. They exited but the suspect was not among them. Police spoke with three occupants of the residence and seized a semi-automatic handgun. At about quarter 'til ten, officers returned to the location, located Quesenberry, arrested him and took him to the Lane County Jail. If anyone has any additional information, they are asked to call the Springfield Police Department at 541-726-3714. ; A 44-year-old man faces charges of Burglary after investigators say he broke into a warehouse off Airport Road in northwest Eugene. Eugene Police say officers and a K-9 unit responded to a burglary in progress at the Glorybee warehouse shortly after five on Sunday morning. One officer was stationed near a broken window while others searched inside. That officer heard a noise and challenged the suspect who was still in the building. Police say the suspect, Waylon Anthony Welch, complied with officer commands but could not exit through the door because he had barricaded himself in using office furniture. The officer was able to coax Welch out the window, after which the suspect was arrested. Police spent more than an hour searching the large warehouse to ensure there were no additional suspects. /

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ELECTIONS: Lane County ballots were mailed on Thursday, April 30, and if you're a registered voter you should have received your ballot by now. If you have not: Go to www.oregonvotes.gov to confirm you are registered. If you have moved to a new address, even the apartment next door, update your registration. Voters update online at www.oregonvotes.gov if you have a valid DMV license, identification card or permit number. The website also may be used to update or remove a mailing address. By law, the post office cannot forward your ballot. If you are not at a regular residence or mailing address, you need to submit a request for an absentee ballot at a temporary location. If you are unsure what to do, call Lane County Elections at 541-682-4234 to determine what action they must take in order to receive a ballot. Lane County Elections recommends that you mail back your completed ballot no later than today (Wednesday, May 13). After today, it's too late to ensure your mailed ballot will be received in time to be counted, so instead use one of the many official ballot "drop sites." You received a list of those sites with your ballot. You may also see the list online at www.lanecounty.org/elections. To be counted, your ballot must be received at the Elections Office or in an official drop box by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, May 19. Postmarks do not qualify. Due to COVID-19, the Lane County Elections Office will be open to the public only on Friday, May 15, Monday, May 18, and Tuesday May 19 (Election Day). Visitors will be required to observe physical distancing guidelines; masks are required. The Elections Office has a small quantity of masks available for visitors that do not have their own. On all other dates, the Lane County Elections Office is closed to walk-ins. Assistance is available over the phone at 541-682-4234 and via email at elections@lanecountyor.gov. Voters with issues that cannot be resolved via phone or email will be able to make an appointment to visit the Elections Office. / COVID-19: GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, HEALTH, YOUTH: State health officials yesterday continued to review applications from 33 of Oregon's 36 counties to determine whether they qualify for Phase One reopening of some businesses and an easing of other "Stay Home" restrictions. But so far, no word on which counties will receive approval. Lane County is among those that submitted an application. If approved, it could begin those Phase One changes starting Friday. Counties that receive approval would be able to allow the reopening of businesses including restaurants with limited sit-down service; gyms; salons, barber shops, nail salon, tattoo parlors, and other personal service businesses; and outdoor recreation businesses. Counties that qualify could also ease the limits on the number of people in public gatherings from 10 to 25. To reopen, counties must have strong health systems in place, good levels of testing and contact tracing for people who become infected and isolation facilities set aside up for homeless residents who have no way to observe a quarantine order. But those planning

large gatherings, such as concerts, festivals, sporting events and conventions, have been told to cancel or significantly modify plans for anything scheduled through at least September. While Lane County officials are optimistic their application to reopen more businesses and relax some restrictions will be approved, they caution that an abrupt increase in infections could bring more restrictions. They are asking everyone to continue practicing physical distancing and wear cloth face shields or masks in public when that is not possible. Counties that receive permission to partially reopen on May 15 must wait 21 days before applying to enter the second phase. That allow larger public gatherings and fewer restrictions on the number of people allowed in many businesses. Visitors would also be allowed to again access nursing homes and prisons well. As early as tomorrow, the governor is planning a new executive order that loosens restrictions on daycares and retail shops statewide, including furniture stores, boutiques, jewelry stores and art galleries. ; Lane County public officials announced one new case of COVID-19 yesterday, a Eugene-Springfield resident in their 60s who is recovering at home. Public Health spokesman Jason Davis says the person had heard that one possible symptom of the coronavirus was a loss of smell and taste. When that patient began experiencing those symptoms, Davis says they contacted their healthcare provider. That puts our local total at 60 positive tests with one suspected case. Fifty-one local patients have recovered from their illnesses. Eight are being monitored as they rest at home. There are no patients currently in local hospitals. There were two earlier deaths. In some good news, Jason Davis from Lane County Public Health says that two patients who had been ill since mid-March have recovered. Both had severe cases of COVID-19 and each person had to be intubated and placed on a ventilator for a time. Davis says health care providers worried whether the patients would survive and were delighted as the two recovered. Since the outbreak began, at least 6,032 people have been tested in Lane County. ; The Oregon Health Authority yesterday reported 61 new positive tests for the virus and 11 new presumptive cases but no new deaths. That puts Oregon total number of confirmed cases at 3,358 as the death toll remains at 130. Of those more than 33-hundred confirmed cases, state health officials say more than 14-hundred patients—close to 45 percent—have recovered from their illnesses. They're still assessing the health status of another 28 percent of COVID-19 patients but say more than 800 are still being monitored either in the hospital or as they rest at home. Of the 165 patients currently hospitalized statewide with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, 39 are being treated in intensive-care units and 25 of those are on ventilators. Close to 80,000 Oregonians have been tested for the virus. ; The Oregon Health Authority is working to increase testing capacity in some hard-hit counties or those in rural areas that lack adequate equipment levels. Yesterday, state health officials announced they are distributing 12 more Abbott ID Now "rapid testing" machines to various locations. Mercy Medical Center in Douglas County and Bay Area Hospital in Coos County are among the recipients. Three of the machines are going to hard-hit Marion county, which Oregon Health Authority leaders yesterday said had 29 new positive tests. ; A new but so far limited outbreak at another Oregon food processing plant. The Oregonian and OregonLive report operators of an Eastern Oregon potato processing company have reported four cases of COVID-19 among their employees in Boardman. Three of the cases at the Lamb Weston company's Boardman facilities were reported in mid-April and one early this month, health officials said. In the latest case, the facility where the infected person worked was shut down for 16 hours while Lamb Weston employees sanitized the person's work area. The company runs four facilities in the Boardman area and employs a combined 1,050 people. Lamb Weston specializes in producing regular and sweet potato fries, as well as chips, hash browns and other potato products. Company officials say employees undergo a temperature and health screening upon arrival at work, wear masks on site and are required to

follow social distancing protocols. ; More events and venues are canceling or closing as the pandemic continues. In Portland, organizers of the Rose City Comic-Con announced they are postponing their mid-September event to 2021. The events draws fans, exhibitors and sponsors from across Oregon and the Northwest. Summer music festival Pickathon, originally set for August in Happy Valley, outside of Portland, has canceled. And after five years in Wilsonville, the World of Speed Museum, which delighted automotive fans, is shutting down permanently. The museum's collection of historic racecars, boats and automobiles will be distributed to various museums and schools over the next three to eight months. ; Late-spring ski season is returning to at least one Oregon location, but with new restrictions to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. On Mount Hood, officials with Timberline Lodge say they will reopen their resort and ski area on Friday, May 15, for both daytime and overnight guests. But managers told a reporter with The Oregonian and OregonLive that all hotel guests must make reservations in advance and there will be a cap on the number of people allowed on the ski runs at any time. ; Meantime, the 2020 Prefontaine Classic, originally set for June, is now set for October 4 at Hayward Field. Maybe. The Oregonian and OregonLive report that one day after officials with the Diamond League—which runs a series of elite international track and field meets—announced the new date, University of Oregon officials put out a news release of their own. It noted that in light of the latest guidelines for a gradual reopening of Oregon businesses and venues, campus leaders cannot confirm the availability of Hayward Field. Pre Classic meet director Tom Jordan told a reporter that the October 4 date is something of a “placeholder” and that the date could be pushed back again, if necessary. ; Bargainers for the University of Oregon and the United Academics faculty union have reached agreement on a memorandum of understanding, which has been ratified by a vote of its members. The agreement extends the campus' current collective bargaining agreement by one year to June 30, 2021. It also provides a one-year extension to career faculty contracts that renew in May. It comes during an uncertain financial time. Bargaining for the new pact was suspended in March as the U-of-O canceled in-person classes during the pandemic and shifted Spring Term education online. According to the agreement, the parties will meet over the summer to discuss the pandemic's effect on university finances, including topics such as a possible pay reduction plan, changes to the tenure reduction program and career faculty employment. Bargaining on a new contract will resume over winter term. ; Oregon State University is preparing plans to resume in-person instruction in late summer and fall term on its campuses in Corvallis and Bend, pending state authorization. University of Oregon officials announced earlier that they, too, are working to reopen their Eugene campus for in-person Fall Term classes. Under a best-case scenario, OSU campuses and facilities would reopen with most employees would be back at their work sites by September 1. Fall classes are scheduled to begin September 23. Most in-person instruction and other activities would resume, though with modifications for physical distancing. Over much of the summer, the university will continue to provide remote instruction. Oregon State officials say their Pandemic Resumption Plan was in close coordination with state and local public health officials and the governor's office. OSU officials say they will refine the plan over the coming months as they gather input from faculty, staff, students, and others. The reopening of OSU's campuses in Corvallis and Bend will rely on workplace health monitoring measures combined with public health messages and feature enhanced cleaning and hygiene practices. Oregon State officials say there will also be staggered work schedules and other social and physical distancing measures. ; When the pandemic first hit the United States, medical experts believed children were largely spared from the virus. But a small but growing number of children now are developing a mysterious inflammatory syndrome thought to be related to COVID-19 and in some cases it is fatal. The

cases have been recorded in at least eight states, including Washington state and California. New York health experts are investigating about 100 cases of the syndrome, which affects blood vessels and organs and has symptoms similar to Kawasaki disease and toxic shock. The children often show symptoms that are different from standard coronavirus cases: They might experience persistent fever, rash, abdominal pain, and vomiting. In more severe cases, inflammation and spread to the heart and kidneys, leading to cardiac arrest or organ failure. Children in other countries also have been hospitalized with the condition known as Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome. In the U.S., close to one in four cases have occurred in children under age 5. About 29 percent of those affected are between the ages of 5 and 9, with a similar number of cases among 10- through 14-year-olds. Another 16 percent affect teens between the ages of 15 and 19. Doctors say the rare condition often appears two to four weeks after a child has recovered from COVID-19, often without ever being diagnosed with the infection. In testimony Tuesday before a Senate committee on the administration's coronavirus response, Dr. Anthony Fauci said children in general do better than adults and the elderly, but he warned there is still much to learn about the virus, including in these more severe pediatric cases. /

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ENVIRONMENT, EVENTS, RECREATION: Lane County, say hello to Phase
One. Lane County officials received word late yesterday that their 40-page
application to allow the reopening of some businesses and ease some "Stay
Home" restrictions has been approved. The changes go into effect tomorrow.
Douglas County officials also confirmed this morning that their reopening
application has been approved. Governor Kate Brown and state health officials
will reveal the other counties granted Phase One reopening status later this
morning. Lane County officials have their own media briefing scheduled once the
governor's session concludes to discuss local details. Under the new guidelines,
Lane County will allow restaurants to reopen with limited sit-down service. Malls,
gyms and personal service providers such as salons will be able to begin serving
clients. Outdoor recreation businesses may also resume activities. The governor
also is expected to sign an executive order that loosens restrictions on daycare
facilities. That's important for many parents who will soon return to work.
Governor Brown also says she'll allow certain types of retail businesses, including
furniture and jewelry stores, boutiques and art galleries, to reopen—provided they
take steps to enhance physical distancing of customers and disinfecting of their
inventory. Counties whose applications have been accepted also may ease limits
on the number of people in public gatherings from 10 to 25. But those planning
large gatherings, such as concerts, festivals, sporting events and conventions,
have been told to cancel or significantly modify plans for anything scheduled
through at least September. To reopen, counties must have strong health
systems in place, good levels of testing and contact tracing for people who
become infected and isolation facilities set aside up for homeless residents who
have no way to observe a quarantine order. But Lane County officials caution that
an abrupt increase in infections could bring more restrictions. They are asking
everyone to continue practicing physical distancing and wear cloth face shields or
masks in public when that is not possible. Lane County and others that received
permission to partially reopen on May 15 must wait 21 days before applying to
enter Phase Two. Phase Two allows larger public gatherings and fewer
restrictions on the number of people allowed in many businesses. Visitors would
also be allowed to again access nursing homes and prisons, as well. ; The Phase
One reopening of Lane County is good news for many businesses that were
forced to close in mid-March as various health restrictions went into effect. Many
business owners are already bringing back some of their staff to prepare their
restaurant, retail and other spaces, removing tables, widening aisles and taking
other steps to provide physical distancing and frequently disinfected surfaces.
Specialists with the Springfield and Eugene Chambers of Commerce also worked
together to create a 34-page publication called "Back to Business: A Guide to

Reopening." It incorporates information from the state and county and can answer a lot of your questions. ; They claim Oregon's governor violated their constitutional rights when she and state health officials ordered business-related shutdowns in the early stages of the pandemic. Eight businesses from across Oregon filed a lawsuit this week in federal court in Eugene, asking a judge to invalidate two of the governor's executive orders and prevent their enforcement. The businesses named in the suit do not include any from Lane County. One is from Roseburg, another from Salem, others from the Portland area and Eastern Oregon. They include owners of bars, a gym and a furniture store. Lawyers for the businesses claim there was not enough data on COVID-19 cases justifying the shutdown orders. They're specifically targeting the "Stay Home" rules that prohibit on-premises consumption of food and drink and the ban on gatherings of more than 25 people. ; Nearly three million laid-off workers applied for U.S. unemployment benefits last week as the pandemic led more companies to slash jobs. The layoffs and furloughs came as many states began to let some businesses reopen under certain restrictions. Roughly 36 million people have now filed for jobless aid in the two months since the coronavirus first forced millions of businesses to close their doors and shrink their workforces. Officials with the U.S. Labor Department said this morning that the number of first-time applications has declined for six straight weeks, suggesting fewer companies are reducing their payrolls. But by historical standards, the latest tally makes it clear that the number of weekly jobless claims remains enormous, reflecting an economy that is sinking into a severe downturn. Last week's pace of new benefit applications is still four times the record from the period before the coronavirus struck hard in March. Jobless workers in some states are still reporting difficulty applying for or receiving benefits. Oregon's Employment Department has struggled with an outdated computer system and rushed to add and train hundreds of new workers to deal with the mountain of claims. In some cases, officials say workers have complicated claims and employment histories that require additional research. Claims analysts also had to wait on software upgrades to process some of the newer filings allowed in that big federal stimulus package. There were also repeated errors from the computer system that left frustrated workers unable to file or update their claims or reach the agency by email or phone. The Oregon Employment Department is making headway: Of the estimated 384-thousand filings since mid-March, close to 90 percent have been processed. Another 40-thousand remain in the queue. Analysts say the backlog of unprocessed claims is even worse in several other states, including Florida, Texas, California and Missouri, where are similar computer and staffing challenges. Some of those still awaiting benefits include free-lance, gig and self-employed workers, who became newly eligible for jobless aid this year. ; Organizers of the Oregon Jamboree said yesterday they are postponing the popular country music festival until 2021. In a message to ticketholders and fans, organizers of the non-profit three-day event say they consider various alternatives for staging a scaled-down version of the festival but realized there was no way to do that and meet state and federal health and safety guidelines. That's a blow to the city of Sweet Home, whose economic development group uses the proceeds for various civic projects. It's also a loss for the vendors and corporate partners, as well as the charities that receive donations from the festival. But next year's dates are already set: Mark your calendars for Friday, July 30, through Sunday, August 1, of 2021. This year's headliner, Dierks Bentley, will headline next year's Oregon Jamboree. Additional artists will be announced in the coming months. If you're currently a concert or camping ticket holder for the 2020 Oregon Jamboree, your tickets have been automatically rolled over to 2021. Ticketholders whose purchased are rolled over to 2021 are automatically being entered in a contest to win: Meet & Greet Passes for all three of the 2021 headliners; an upgrade to reserved seating for two; camping passes for two sites; an Oregon Jamboree merchandise swag bag;

and a guitar autographed by the entire 2021 performer lineup. If you previously won tickets through an Oregon Jamboree contest through the festival's social media accounts or purchased either standalone tickets or tickets offered through a charity event, those tickets also will be rolled over and honored for the 2021 dates. If you're unable to attend next year, contact the Oregon Jamboree ticket office. ; They say it was not an easy decision. But organizers of Springfield's annual "Light of Liberty" celebration say they are canceling this year's event. Officials with the Springfield Utility Board made the announcement yesterday, saying it came after extended discussions on how to protect the health of visitors, vendors, volunteers and staff. During a normal year, the Fourth of July family-friendly event attracts close to 6,000 people to Springfield's Island Park for food, music, kids' activities and an evening fireworks show. Organizers expect the celebration will return in 2021. ; Managers of Eugene's Saturday Market say they are postponing opening day for this year's season until Saturday, June 13. Saturday Market coordinators and vendors are working to create access to the craft booths, food booths and entertainment areas in a way that maintains physical distancing. Until then, the Tuesday Farmer's Market continues from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 8th & Oak Streets in Eugene. ; They'll wait until 2021 to hold the Springfield Police Department's annual K-9 Competition. The 27th annual event was originally set for June 20 at Silke Field. But it's going to be pushed back 12 months when it's safer for the teams and spectators from across the Oregon to gather. Each year, police dogs from around the state compete in timed events that include both the dog and the handler. They include an agility course, area search, handler protection, fastest dog, and suspect apprehension. All proceeds from the event go toward the purchase of the Springfield K-9 Unit's dogs, equipment, and training. ; Every day, a few more Oregon State Parks reopen for limited day-use access. Today (May 14), add to the list a number of popular coastal parks in Coos, Douglas and Curry counties. These include popular spots like Sunset Bay, Umpqua Lighthouse, Tugman, Bullards Beach and more. These limited reopenings take place as the agency is able to bring back staff, add extra cleaning of some facilities and post signs outlining physical distancing guidelines. ; Lane County public officials say there were no new positive tests for COVID-19 yesterday. That keeps our local total at 60 positive tests with one suspected case. Fifty-one local patients have recovered from their illnesses. Eight are being monitored as they rest at home. There are no patients currently in local hospitals. There were two earlier deaths. Since the outbreak began, at least 6,345 (compared to yesterday's 6,032) people have been tested in Lane County. ; The Oregon Health Authority yesterday reported 55 new positive tests for the virus and 4 new presumptive cases and four new deaths. That puts Oregon total number of confirmed cases at 3,416 (up from 3,358) as the death toll climbed to 134. Of those more than 33-hundred confirmed cases, state health officials say more than 14-hundred patients—close to 45 percent—have recovered from their illnesses. They're still assessing the health status of another 28 percent of COVID-19 patients but say more than 800 are still being monitored either in the hospital or as they rest at home. Of the 162 patients currently hospitalized statewide with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, 38 are being treated in intensive-care units and 17 of those are on ventilators. More than 83,900 Oregonians have been tested for the virus. ; Officials say Oregon have confirmed the first case of a rare inflammatory disease in children that has been linked to COVID-19. The Oregon Health Authority announced the case of Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome Wednesday. The patient is a girl who is being treated at Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel in Portland after earlier testing positive for the coronavirus. Cases now have been recorded in 17 states. Officials say the syndrome is similar to Kawasaki disease, affecting blood vessels and organs. The children often show symptoms that are different from standard coronavirus cases: They might experience persistent fever, rash, abdominal pain,

and vomiting. In more severe cases, inflammation and spread to the heart and kidneys, leading to cardiac arrest or organ failure. In the U.S., close to one in four cases have occurred in children under age 5, but cases have been recorded to a similar degree among children and teens up to age 19. Doctors say the rare condition often appears two to four weeks after a child has recovered from COVID-19, often without ever being diagnosed with the infection. In testimony Tuesday before a Senate committee on the administration's coronavirus response, Dr. Anthony Fauci said children in general do better than adults and the elderly, but he warned there is still much to learn about the virus, including in these more severe pediatric cases. ; A federal document says outbreaks of the coronavirus could sweep through large camps where crews typically stay as they fight wildfires across the U.S. A U.S. Forest Service draft risk assessment obtained by The Associated Press shows that even in a best-case scenario, nearly two dozen firefighters could be infected at a camp with hundreds of people. The worst-case scenario? More than 1,000 infections. Forest Service officials said Wednesday that the document doesn't include predictions but instead possible scenarios based on existing data. The agency says the document is outdated and the newest version not ready to share yet. It will be updated throughout the fire season. ; Not a lot of people are flying these days, but airlines and airports are increasingly taking steps to protect those who do and the workers who assist them. Beginning on Monday, you'll need to wear a face covering or face mask if you're traveling to or through Portland International Airport. PDX employees are already doing that. The new rules will apply to everyone except children under the age of two and people with a medical condition that prevents them from covering their faces. You'll need to wear your face covering in the terminal, the pedestrian tunnels and in the rental car center. All airlines serving Portland now require passenger face coverings while traveling, as well. Portland International Airport also has closed the spaces near the TSA checkpoints where families and friends normally wait to greet arriving passengers. Instead, they're asked to remain outside the terminal. ; One of central Oregon's largest manufacturers has laid off a fifth of its staff this spring amid a sharp downturn in customer demand because of the coronavirus pandemic. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports wood products producer Bright Wood notified state employment officials last week of layoffs that started in March and finished May 1. The cutbacks eliminated 211 employees from factories in Redmond and Madras that previously employed over 1,000. Bright Wood, based in Madras, makes wood components for windows and doors and has facilities in Prineville and in New Zealand. The company indicated it plans to recall its workers if the economy recovers. ; Could the Portland Timbers wind up playing their 2020 season in Florida? Major League Soccer is looking at the possibility of resuming the season this summer with all teams playing in Orlando, Florida. Details are still under consideration, but a person with knowledge of the plan told The Associated Press that the league's 26 teams and limited staff would likely be sheltered in a resort with games played without fans at ESPN's Wide World of Sports Complex at Disney World. Teams could head to Florida as early as June 1 for training camps. The league suspended play on March 12 after teams had played just two games. / CRIME: Eugene Police say they hate when someone gets their ride taken. There have been eight stolen motorcycles reported in this region since April 29. All were taken overnight, a few from the backyards or driveways that were in plain view of anyone driving or walking by. Motorcycles and scooters are many people's primary transportation and a theft can be expensive and make life difficult. Please take extra care securing your motorcycles. Here are some potential ways you can make your ride less likely to be stolen: Make sure your motorcycle is insured for theft, not just collision; Keep your motorcycle locked in a garage; If you don't keep your motorcycle locked in a garage, there are various locks on the market for securing trailer hitches, trailer wheels, and to secure bikes to trailers; If you have an

enclosed trailer, get some sturdy locks for the doors and lock the bikes down to the floor inside; Consider an alarm/lock for the motorcycle itself, many are made that pair and alarm and double as locks; Put an alarm on your enclosed trailer; Park the trailer or motorcycle away from view from the street. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, FAMILIES, YOUTH, COMMUNITY, EVENTS, NATIVE AMERICANS, TRANSPORTATION, MILITARY, VETERANS: Not every Lane County business is reopening today. Some business owners are still working to reconfigure their spaces to allow physical distancing—not just for customers but, crucially, for their employees. They’re moving inventory, racks and equipment, adding markings to the floor, plexiglass barriers at checkouts, adding sanitizers, stocking up on disinfectants. There’s a lot of training for workers, as well. They’re having to learn new cleaning routines, whether that’s wiping down retail surfaces, fitness machines, restaurant tables and chairs and tossing disposable menus. For the foreseeable future, they’ll spend their shifts wearing cloth or disposable face coverings. Many will wear gloves. When they arrive for work, they might be asked about their health and have their temperature checked. And for customers and patrons, similar guidelines are in effect. Want to have your hair trimmed, your nails done, get a tattoo or have a massage? You might be asked to wait in your vehicle until your appointment time. The person providing those sorts of personal services will ask how you’re feeling—meaning your health—and might record your answers along with the date and time of your appointment and who else was in the space should you develop signs of infection later. ; Governor Kate Brown and state health officials have approved applications from 31 of Oregon’s counties to begin the first phase of reopening since statewide “Stay Home” restrictions went into place in mid-March. Under the Phase One guidelines, restaurants and bars may reopen for sit-down service if they maintain six feet of distance between customers and groups, limit groups to a maximum of 10 people, and employees wear face masks. For now, they may only operate sit-down service until 10 p.m. Some restaurant and bar owners are not happy about that, but state health officials say they are concerned that patrons consuming alcohol late in the evening might begin ignoring physical distancing guidelines, increasing the risk of infection. Salons and other “personal services” business also may reopen, but first must screen clients for symptoms of COVID-19 and follow other health protocols. The screening consists of only asking the customer if they feel sick. All retail businesses, including malls and shopping centers, may reopen in counties with Phase One approval, but they must limit the number of customers in order to maintain at least six feet of distance between people and employees in the store, post signs listing COVID-19, frequently clean and sanitize work areas, high-traffic areas, and commonly touched surfaces, and require all employees to wear masks. Some retailers say they might continue curbside pickup if they cannot maintain physical distancing in their stores. Gyms and other fitness facilities may reopen, but again, they must meet physical distancing requirements and might need to limit the number of patrons allowed to work out at any time. Fitness equipment must be sanitized after each use. Gatherings of up to

25 people now are allowed in counties that have Phase One approval, including churches. Many houses of worship have reworked their schedules to allow for additional smaller services. One week ago, the governor lifted her executive order and allowed the resumption of non-emergency medical care, surgeries, and procedures. That brought tens of thousands back to work at hospitals, clinics, and medical offices, as well as dentist offices and veterinary care practices, provided they meet certain safety guidelines. Childcare is open under certain restrictions, with priority placements continuing statewide for children of health care workers, first responders, and frontline workers. State officials say they are developing guidelines for the operation of summer camp and summer school programs. Three Portland-area counties, which include more than half of Oregon's population, are still grappling with many active cases and did not submit reopening requests in the first round of applications. Marion County, which includes the city of Salem, and Polk County, which includes the city of Dallas, submitted applications but were rejected because they did not meet all seven areas of the state's reopening health criteria and are still reporting large numbers of new infections. But their status will be reviewed in one week. To reopen, counties needed to have declining levels of COVID-19 hospital admissions over a 14-day period. They must meet minimum levels of testing and have a strong contact tracing capability. Counties in Phase One also must have adequate hospital surge capacity; isolation facilities set aside for homeless residents who have no way to observe a quarantine order; and personal protection equipment; and have finalized their guidelines for communicating with individual businesses. Lane County officials caution that an abrupt increase in infections could bring more restrictions. They are asking everyone to continue practicing physical distancing and wear cloth face shields or masks in public when that is not possible. The virus causes mild to moderate symptoms in most patients, and the vast majority recover. But it is highly contagious and can cause severe illness and death in some patients, particularly the elderly and those with underlying health conditions. Lane County and others that received permission to partially reopen on May 15 must wait 21 days before applying to enter Phase Two. Phase Two allows larger public gatherings and fewer restrictions on the number of people allowed in many businesses. Visitors would also be allowed to again access nursing homes and prisons, as well. ; Another 14,100 Oregonians filed their initial claims for unemployment benefits last week. That brings the number of claims since mid-March to 396,000. Once again, the greatest number of initial claims came from the food services and accommodation sector. More than 68,000 of those workers have filed for jobless benefits since March 15. Other sectors with the largest number of initial claims totals since March 15 include health care and social assistance (43,100) and retail trade (36,400). However, every sector of Oregon's economy has seen increased claims activity. Oregon Employment Department officials say about 87 percent of the initial unemployment benefits claims filed between March 15 and May 9 have been processed. But there is still a backlog of more than 52,000 and some people have been waiting for benefits for six or seven weeks. State employment officials say they continue to expand their processing capacity. A new contact center opened this week and 690 employees now are processing claims, up from slightly more than 100 before the pandemic and economic shutdowns hit. Claims processing continues seven days per week and specialists are clearing close to 10,000 claims each day. The Employment Department is also working to make thousands of call-backs daily to Oregonians who have left messages seeking to have their claims processed. The Employment Department has struggled with an outdated computer system and rushed to add and train hundreds of new workers to deal with the mountain of claims. Some of those still awaiting benefits include free-lance, gig and self-employed workers, who became newly eligible for jobless aid this year. In some cases, officials say workers have complicated claims and employment histories

that require additional research. Claims analysts also had to wait on software upgrades to process some of the newer filings allowed in that big federal stimulus package. There were also repeated errors from the computer system that left frustrated workers unable to file or update their claims or reach the agency by email or phone. With a record level of benefits being paid out, Unemployment Insurance is now the largest paying subsector of Oregon's economy. By comparison, unemployment benefits ranked 37th by payroll prior to the COVID-19 closures. ; Lane County public health officials say there were no new positive tests for COVID-19 yesterday. That keeps our local total at 60 positive tests with one suspected case. Fifty-four of our local patients have recovered from their illnesses. Five are being monitored as they rest at home. There are no patients currently in local hospitals. There were two earlier deaths. Since the outbreak began, at least 6,640 people have been tested in Lane County. That's up close to 300 from the day before. ; The Oregon Health Authority yesterday reported 67 new positive tests for the virus and four new deaths. That puts Oregon total number of confirmed cases at 3,479 as the death toll climbed to 137. Of the 163 patients currently hospitalized statewide with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, 38 are being treated in intensive-care units and 17 of those are on ventilators. More than 86,600 Oregonians have been tested for the virus. ; The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention yesterday issued an advisory to healthcare providers, clinics, and hospitals nationwide about that rare inflammatory disease in children that has been linked to COVID-19. The Oregon Health Authority announced its first case of Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome Wednesday in a Portland girl who is now recovering. At least 19 states have reported similar cases and, in some instances, children and teens who have died. Officials say the syndrome is similar to Kawasaki disease, affecting blood vessels and organs. The children often show symptoms that are different from standard coronavirus cases: That might include persistent fever, rash, abdominal pain, and vomiting. In more severe cases, inflammation can spread to the heart and kidneys, leading to cardiac arrest or organ failure. Doctors say the rare condition often appears two to four weeks after a child has recovered from COVID-19, often without ever being diagnosed with the infection. ; Oregon U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden say our state is receiving nearly \$87 million to boost coronavirus testing capacity. The funding, part of that massive stimulus plan approved by Congress in late March, is being allocated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services based on a formula that considers the prevalence of coronavirus in different states and the size of their populations. HHS also is sending \$324,000 to Oregon for three organizations to take the lead in training current and future healthcare providers in how to increase their telehealth services. Telehealth includes those telephone and video consultations between patients and their medical providers. It improves the reach of healthcare, protecting providers and patients—including those who have tested positive for COVID-19, older adults and those with weakened immune systems. The sessions include screening, case management, outpatient care, and more. Telehealth appointments are covered by most if not all insurers. ; More summer event cancellations because of the coronavirus. The Junction City Scandinavian Festival is skipping this year and will return with its cultural activities, vendors and food booths in August of 2021. And the Hood-to-Coast relay race also has canceled this year's sold-out event and transferred thousands of registrations to late August of 2021. The route begins on Mount Hood at Timberline Lodge and runs close to 200 miles through Portland and over the Coast Range before ending on the beach in the city of Seaside. ; Oregon's tribal casinos are working to reopen, with some setting dates and others saying they're holding off, for now. On the Coast, the Mill Casino in North Bend partially reopens on Monday. There will be limited hours, a reconfigured gaming floor, fewer hotel rooms available for booking and a reduction in the number of available RV spaces. Workers and all

visitors will have their temperatures checked at the door. In Lincoln City, Chinook Winds Casino reopens on Thursday, May 21, with similar limitations. Three Rivers Casino in Florence and Coos Bay remains closed. The Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower, Umpqua and Siuslaw are working on reopening plans but have not set a date. That's the same situation for Spirit Mountain Casino near Grande Ronde, which also remains closed. Oregon's tribes rely on revenues from the casinos to fund their economic development efforts as well as critical health, education and social services for their members. ; Not a lot of people are flying these days, but airlines and airports are increasingly taking steps to protect those who do and the workers who assist them. Beginning on Monday, you will need to wear a face covering or face mask if you are traveling to or through Portland International Airport. PDX employees are already doing that. The new rules will apply to everyone except children under the age of two and people with a medical condition that prevents them from covering their faces. You will need to wear your face covering in the terminal, the pedestrian tunnels and in the rental car center. All airlines serving Portland now require passenger face coverings while traveling, as well. Portland International Airport also has closed the spaces near the TSA checkpoints where families and friends normally wait to greet arriving passengers. Instead, they are asked to remain outside the terminal. ; Oregon Congressman Peter DeFazio wants to know why, during a pandemic where physical distancing is key to stopping the spread of the virus, the nation's airlines are filling some flights to near capacity. DeFazio's questions carry a lot of weight: The Fourth District Democrat chairs the House Transportation Committee. Yesterday, in letters to the major U.S. airlines' trade associations, DeFazio wrote that the safety of passengers and crewmembers must be a priority. Across the country, passenger numbers have fallen up to 95 percent compared to one year ago. But as airlines have canceled thousands of flights, they have moved passengers onto increasingly crowded routes. Despite calls to leave middle seats open, many passengers say they have spent hours shoulder-to-shoulder with others—which increases the risk of infection. DeFazio wrote that he understands the financial strain being placed on airlines as passenger during this time, but stresses that the health and safety of passengers and crewmembers must be a priority. He is continuing to push for a federal requirement on face coverings and is urging the Departments of Transportation and Homeland Security develop coordinated plans to address the risk of COVID-19 in aviation operations. In the meantime, DeFazio is specifically requesting that airlines maintain one seat width between passengers. ; They've already performed flyovers at close to four dozen locations, covering more than 1,350 miles at a fairly fast clip. The Oregon Air National Guard this morning continues its flyovers to salute front-line medical workers and first responders. The flights are taking the place of regularly scheduled training missions. It looks like today's flyovers are in southwestern Oregon, involving pilots and crews from the Guard's 173rd Fighter Wing out of Kingsley Field near Klamath Falls and the 142nd wing out of Portland. No word yet on when they will be making the rounds in the southern Willamette Valley. But additional flyovers are scheduled for Friday, May 22 and Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. According to the Oregon Air National Guard, all passes take place approximately 1,500 feet above ground level with an airspeed of roughly 400 miles per hour. If you record any video or take photos of the F-15s flying overhead, officials with the Oregon Air National Guard Wings encourage you to post on social media using the hashtags: #AirForceSalutes, #AFFlyover, #FlyoverFriday ; The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs has developed a new online tool to help guide veterans and their families in recovery in the wake of the economic crisis caused by COVID-19 and to inform them of any changes to their earned benefits. The Veteran Resource Navigator is designed to assist veterans from all walks of life in finding the federal, state, and local resources that are most needed for their unique circumstances. The online tool includes resources that are organized by

topic, including Economic, Health, Education, Housing and Food, and other resources. ; Bloodworks Northwest, our local blood bank, is asking donors to step up as hospitals and clinics treat emergency patients and resume less-urgent surgeries and procedures. The spread of the coronavirus has disrupted our nation's blood supply. Blood transfusions are desperately needed for these surgeries, for the treatment of diseases, for victims of accidents, and for critically ill newborns. Bloodworks Northwest—which operates 12 donations centers in the region, including in Lane County—is teaming with Elements Health Club to host a Pop-Up Donor Center in Eugene. It continues today and next Thursday, May 21. ; As 31 counties across Oregon begin the Phase One reopening process, the Oregon Health Authority continues to recruit health care professionals to join the State Emergency Registry of Volunteers in Oregon—or SERV-OR—to ensure any surge in COVID-19 cases will be dealt with quickly and effectively. Duties of SERV-OR volunteers are as varied as they are vital, from supporting medical casualty triage and behavioral health services to staffing medical shelters and information hotlines. The Oregon Health Authority expects the volunteers will be a critical part of the state's COVID-19 recovery effort by supporting contact tracing, testing, community wellness campaigns, as well as studies of long-term community effects and mass vaccination programs. Those signing up will have the opportunity to train and deploy quickly. SERV-OR volunteers include licensed physicians, nurses, pharmacists, emergency medical technicians, behavioral health providers, respiratory therapists, and other medical professionals. Since March, SERV-OR has added more than 800 new volunteers, strengthening Oregon Health authority's ability to contain COVID-19 cases, and building the capacity of the volunteer program to respond to future emergencies. ; Heceta, Muriel Ponsler, Yachats, Neptune, Fogarty Creek, Agate Beach. Don't all rush out there at once but what a nice relief: Oregon State Parks officials just announced (8:30 a.m., Friday, May 15) that 20 properties on the Central Oregon Coast are open today for limited day-use. They stretch from Carl Washburne State Park up to Devil's Lake State Recreation Area in Lincoln City. That's a big chunk of the central coast and while it does not include some popular spots like Honeyman, Heceta Head, Beachside, South Beach and Beverly Beach, those are expected to reopen in the next week or so once enough staffing and safety measures are in place. As is the case with earlier partial openings, services are limited. Pack your own food, water, sanitizer and other supplies. Campgrounds remain closed. Observe physical distancing in the parking lots, on trails and on beaches. And let's be nice to one-another. Everyone's been cooped up for a while. Take your time and give the other person the benefit of a doubt, whether it's on the road, at the park or in your own household. ; Every day, a few more Oregon State Parks reopen for limited day-use access. Yesterday in Lane County, Elijah Bristow State Park partially reopened outside of Pleasant Hill. That is good news for you and your horses. The riding trails and other equine facilities are again accessible. A number of popular coastal parks in Douglas, Coos, and Curry counties also were added to the "partial reopening" list. They include popular spots like: Umpqua Lighthouse and Tugman State Parks in Douglas County; as well as Shore Acres, Sunset Bay, Cape Arago, Bullards Beach, and Face Rock, along with Golden and Silver Falls State Natural Area in Coos County. Earlier this week, many access points opened along the Willamette river Greenway. In Central Oregon, limited trails and some climbing routes reopened at Smith Rock State Park, but parks officials warned an inundation of visitors from the west side of the mountains could lead to another closure. These limited reopenings take place as the agency brings back staff, adds extra cleaning for some facilities, and posts signs outlining physical distancing guidelines. Parks officials remind you to bring your own food, water, and hand sanitizer. If a park is crowded, head someplace else. Facilities might close without notice. No state park campgrounds are open yet. That requires additional staffing and sanitation and will likely mean putting a system

into place where only a limited number of sites are reserved and spots might be left vacant for a day or two between campers to ensure all traces of the virus have disappeared. ; Starting Saturday, May 16th, the Lane County Farmers Market will expand across an additional Park Block at 8th Avenue and Oak Street in downtown Eugene. The intent is to provide more physical distancing for vendors and shoppers. Vendor booths are spaced at least 10 feet apart, and only about half of the usual vendors will be selling their produce and other goods. If you are a regular visitor to the Farmer's Market, you might notice that many vendors are not in their usual spots. The staff at the Info Booth can help you locate various booths. Farmers Market managers say they have made many of the changes because they have seen increasing numbers of customers, many of whom are families shopping together. But they say during the pandemic, the market cannot be treated as a social or group activity. They strongly urge customers to send one person per household and ask that people not use the market area as a place to visit with friends. Remember to: Maintain at least 6 feet between yourself and other people. Do not handle produce and food items that you are not buying. Do not consume food on site. Shop quickly and do not linger in the market area after you have finished your shopping. Send only one member of your household when possible. Stay home if you have symptoms or have been exposed to someone with symptoms. All forms of payment—cash, credit and debit cards, and Lane County Farmers Market tokens—are accepted. Credit and debit card use is preferred over cash, when possible. SNAP and EBT cards are welcome and may be processed at the Info Booth. All products sold at the Lane County Farmers Market are either grown by Oregon farmers, or made in Oregon with a portion of locally grown ingredients. ; The City of Springfield is postponing its 32nd Annual Spring Clean-Up, originally set for Saturday, May 16, to sometime in the fall. A new date will be set in the coming months. It takes approximately 60 to 70 volunteers and staff the day of the event to put on it on successfully. Annually, the event averages 400 to 450 vehicles with items to drop off. This is an extremely popular event, but organizers want to wait so everyone can be safe. Once the new date has been determined, it will be posted to the City's social media channels and on the Spring Clean Up page. The City of Springfield's Annual Spring Clean Up event is a free event that provides an opportunity for residents to recycle items such as old freezers, refrigerators, scrap lumber, metal and other large or hard-to-recycle items. There are items that cannot be accepted at the event including loads in enclosed vehicles, such as moving trucks, along with propane tanks, paint, household garbage, chemicals, fluorescent lights, car parts, or oversize items such as hot tubs and boats. ; A youth in custody at Oregon's MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility in Woodburn has tested positive for the coronavirus. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports the person did not have symptoms or appear sick but is now in medical isolation. According to the Oregon Youth Authority, this is the first positive test of someone in the agency's custody. Officials say 12 youths at the facility volunteered to take a COVID-19 test after an employee with whom they had contact tested positive for coronavirus and was quarantined. Of the remaining 11, officials say 10 tested negative and one is pending. ; The daughter of a woman who died after contracting the coronavirus at a Portland long-term care facility has filed a \$1.8 million lawsuit claiming elder abuse. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports the suit was filed Thursday against Healthcare at Foster Creek, which is in Clackamas County and had the worst coronavirus outbreak in the state. Angela Brown claims her 75-year-old mother, Judith Jones, contracted coronavirus and died because of the nursing home's negligence. The Oregon Department of Human Services suspended the home's license earlier this month. Foster Creek is run by Benicia Senior Living and is owned by St. Jude Operating Company. A Benicia co-owner did not immediately respond to a request for comment and St. Jude representatives could not be reached. ; Two motel owners in Pacific City are suing Tillamook

County, arguing that COVID-19 restrictions stopping their businesses from fully operating over the last two months violate their constitutional rights. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the motels claim the county's March 22 resolution halting most overnight lodging violates Fifth Amendment protections against the "taking of property without just compensation," as well as their due process rights. The plaintiffs, owners of the Anchorage Motel and The Pacific City Inn, say they've lost tens of thousands of dollars as a result of the county order. Tillamook County's counsel did not respond immediately to a message seeking comment. / **LAW ENFORCEMENT:** Governor Kate Brown has ordered all flags at public institutions throughout Oregon be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset today in observance of Peace Officers Memorial Day. "I extend my sincere gratitude to all those who dedicate their lives to keeping Oregon safe and secure," said Governor Kate Brown. "Our law enforcement and peace officers have served our communities in extraordinary ways as we've faced the COVID-19 crisis, and I invite all Oregonians to join me in showing appreciation and support to them. I also invite Oregonians to keep all who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty in our thoughts and prayers as we recognize Peace Officers Memorial Day in Oregon." / **ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, COMMUNITY:** Perhaps you have a photo or saved some of the fine gray powder that fell on the hood and windshield of your car. Monday, May 18, marks the 40th anniversary of the 1980 eruption of Washington state's Mt. St. Helens. The blast took the top off the mountain, sending pyroclastic flows down nearby river valleys, obliterating roads and homes and leaving at least 55 people dead. Those who lived in the Pacific Northwest have stories, from hearing what they at the time thought was a sonic boom to seeing the skies darken as volcanic ash began to fall. Those living, studying, and traveling closer to Portland could see the massive clouds of ash boiling skyward. In the months that followed, even people in Lane County got in the habit of placing sheets or garbage bags on their windshields and replacing their automotive air filter to protect their vehicles from the damaging effects of the occasional ashfall. We learned to check the forecast for wind direction on the off chance a dusting of it might wind up here. / **SAFETY:** One Eugene man died, and another was rushed to the hospital with injuries after a single-vehicle crash Wednesday afternoon in the Coast Range on U.S. Highway 20 in Lincoln County. Oregon State Police investigators say preliminary investigation indicates the Freightliner utility truck, operated by 23-year-old Patrick Goddard of Eugene, was traveling eastbound on the highway when it left the roadway, went through a guardrail, and landed up-side-down in a nearby waterway. Goddard died at the scene. The passenger, 42-year-old Jason Landry of Eugene, was taken to a Corvallis hospital. His condition is not known. The cause of the crash is being investigated. / **LEGAL, ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE:** Hammond Ranches has dropped a legal challenge against the federal government, at least for now, to compete for access to cattle grazing allotments it lost in eastern Oregon last year. The Capital Press reports the U.S. Bureau of Land Management can now choose whether the Hammond family or one of three neighboring ranches can use the 26,000-acre allotments. In its application for a permit, Hammond Ranches warned that it would demand "immediate compensation" for its range improvements, water rights and intermingled private lands if BLM awards access to the allotments to another ranch. /

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ELECTIONS: It is too late to mail-in your Tuesday elections ballot, but you may still hand-deliver it to your county election office or use one of the many official ballot "drop sites." You received a list of those sites with your ballot. You may also see the list online at www.lanecounty.org/elections. To be counted, your ballot must be received at the Elections Office or in an official drop box by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, May 19. Postmarks do not qualify. Lane County's Elections Office will be open to the public on Election Day. Visitors will be required to observe physical distancing guidelines; masks are required. The Elections Office has a small quantity of masks available for visitors that do not have their own. Today, the elections office is closed to walk-ins. But assistance is available over the phone at 541-682-4234 and via email at elections@lanecountyor.gov. Voters with issues that cannot be resolved via phone or email will be able to make an appointment to visit the Elections Office. Need more elections information? Go to www.oregonvotes.gov. Tuesday is Oregon's Presidential Primary Election, with both parties selecting delegates ahead of their respective conventions and the November 3 presidential election. In addition to state, county and local candidates, Lane Community College has its bond measure on the ballot that, if approved, would pay for earthquake safety upgrades and improvements to facilities and technology for many of its job-training programs. / COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, EVENTS: Today is the 40th anniversary of the 1980 eruption of Washington state's Mt. St. Helens. The blast took the top off the mountain, sending pyroclastic flows down nearby river valleys, obliterating roads and homes and leaving at least 55 people dead. Those who lived in the Pacific Northwest have stories, from hearing what they at the time thought was a sonic boom to seeing the skies darken as volcanic ash began to fall. Many took photos of the event or saved small bottles of volcanic ash that fell on their plants or cars. As the mountain continued with smaller eruptions over the next few months, even Lane County received occasional dustings of ash and got in the habit of placing sheets or garbage bags on their windshields and replacing their automotive air filter to protect their vehicles from the damaging effects. / COVID-19; SCHOOLS, HEALTH, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, GOVERNMENT, RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT: Across Oregon, many high school students, their families and their teachers and school staff took part in "Graduate Together," a nationwide broadcast honoring the High School Class of 2020. The one-hour, commercial-free primetime graduation special was carried by a number of networks and streamed online and via social media. There were side forums where students and their families could go to stream content for their state. For Oregon, that included a congratulatory message Oregon Department of Education Director Colt Gill and stories highlighting the adaptability and strength of students, teachers and schools amid the pandemic. ; Lane County public

officials say there were no new positive tests for COVID-19 over the weekend. That keeps our local total at 60 positive tests with one suspected case. Fifty-nine of our local patients have recovered from their illnesses. Four are being monitored as they rest at home. There are no patients currently in local hospitals. There were two earlier deaths. Since the outbreak began, at least 6,923 people have been tested in Lane County. ; On Saturday and Sunday, the Oregon Health Authority reported a combined 73 new positive tests for the virus but no new deaths. That puts Oregon total number of confirmed cases at 3,623 as the death toll held at 137. Of the 156 patients currently hospitalized statewide with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, 37 are being treated in intensive-care units and 16 of those are on ventilators. More than 94,600 Oregonians have been tested for the virus. ; Oregon health officials say hospitals will be provided with an experimental drug that has shown some promise treating the coronavirus. Officials with the Oregon Health Authority said Sunday that the first shipments of remdesivir will provide enough doses to treat 80 COVID-19 patients for 10 days. State health officials said that is enough to treat all hospitalized patients who met the medical criteria for using the drug as of Saturday. Recent early results for the drug suggested it could help patients recover from the coronavirus faster, although longer-term data is still needed to confirm any benefit. Remdesivir has not been formally approved by the Food and Drug Administration but can be used under a federally issued Emergency Use Authorization. The health authority is not taking a position on whether it should be used or not, leaving that decision up to doctors and their patients. The Oregonian and OregonLive report some Oregon patients have already been treated with remdesivir, including participants in clinical trials at Providence hospitals in Portland. The first patient in Oregon diagnosed with coronavirus also was treated with the drug at Kaiser Permanente Westside Medical Center in Hillsboro. The drug company Gilead shipped the medication directly to the hospital, which is now taking part in clinical trials. Oregon Health Authority officials say they expect to receive more doses later but do not know when or how much they will receive. ; State officials announced on Friday that Oregonians receiving food benefits will receive additional assistance in June, to help them deal with the continued impacts of the pandemic. The additional funding will allow Oregonians on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or "SNAP" benefits to receive the maximum benefit amount for June. For example, a family of four who currently receives a \$346 monthly allotment, would receive a supplement of \$300. Supplemental payments for the month of June will be issued on June 11 for all current recipients and June 30 for new recipients enrolled between June 11 and June 30. Recipients who already receive the maximum allotment will not receive additional SNAP benefits. It comes after U.S. Food and Nutrition Services provided an additional \$30 million to help children and adults in Oregon buy food. Individuals and families received the maximum allotment based on the number of eligible members in the household during this time. The Oregon Department of Human Services began issuing additional SNAP benefits in April and May. The remaining May supplemental payment will be issued on May 29. Oregon DHS officials say the payments are intended to assist many Oregon families who continue to be caught between reduced hours or unemployment and waiting for other temporary assistance to help them make ends meet until it is safe to return to or find new work. Learn more about the food assistance program at needfood.oregon.gov, and apply online at <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits> ; More Oregon State Parks opened going into the weekend, included a number along the central Oregon coast. The limited day-use reopenings include popular Honeyman State Park south of Florence. Others on the list include Heceta Lighthouse—although the lighthouse itself remains closed, Washburne, Ponsler, Yachats, Neptune, Fogarty Creek, South Beach, Agate Beach and Devil's Lake. Here in the Willamette Valley, Thompson's Mills State Historic Site also reopened north of Shedd. More state

parks are expected to reopen in the next week once enough staffing and safety measures are in place, including extra cleanings for facilities. Parks officials remind you to bring your own food, water, and hand sanitizer. If a park is crowded, head someplace else. Facilities might close without notice. No state park campgrounds are open yet. That requires additional staffing and sanitation and will likely mean putting a system into place where only a limited number of sites are reserved and spots might be left vacant for a day or two between campers to ensure all traces of the virus have disappeared. Observe physical distancing in the parking lots, on trails and on beaches. ; The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Friday eased restrictions at additional recreational sites, including some in Lane County. They include: Fern Ridge Lake's Shorelane Park, Kirk Park, and Royal Avenue Park; Cottage Grove Lake's Shortridge Park and Riverside Park; Dexter Lake's Orchard Park and Middle Fork Boat Launch; and Lookout Point's Meridian Park. These are limited day-use reopenings: Bring your own food and supplies when possible to help protect others in your community. Public restrooms are only as clean as the last user. Where restrooms are available, they may not have hand sanitizing stations. Bring your own personal protective supplies including hand sanitizer, soap, water, face mask, disinfectant wipes, etc. Wear a cloth face shield when it is not possible to be more than six feet from someone who is not a member of your own household. Wear a personal floatation device (life vest) if you are on the water. Corps life jacket loaner stations currently are not available in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Camping and overnight use is not permitted at this time. All visitor centers, playgrounds and group picnic sites remain closed. ;; Meantime, Eastern Oregon's John Day Fossil Beds National Monument reopened to day-use visitors on Friday. It is the first of the state's properties managed by the National Parks Service to do so. But even as some of the trails and parking areas reopened, officials discouraged out-of-towners from visiting, pointing to state guidance for people to avoid traveling more than 50 miles from home. ; A reminder from Eugene officials: all city playgrounds, skate parks, day-use shelters and sport courts remain closed for now. But City of Eugene trails and natural areas, dog parks and community gardens remain open for use, provided you focus on physical distancing from other visitors. Eugene Parks and Open Space staff are working to maintain critical services such as garbage pickup, restroom cleaning, mowing, addressing graffiti, vandalism and safety hazards throughout the park system. The city currently is allowing homeless people to temporarily shelter in place in some of Eugene's parks and natural areas. But they are not allowed to camp in neighborhood parks, must meet all health and safety guidelines, and not take part in criminal behavior, or pose a significant a public or environmental or health or safety issue. ; Visitors to some popular areas managed by the Willamette National forest—the Pamela and Obsidian Limited Entry Areas—may begin applying for summer season permits this morning. You may obtain your permit by visiting www.recreation.gov and searching for Pamela Limited Entry Area and Obsidian Limited Entry Area. The permits are free, but a \$6 processing fee will be charged at checkout. Visitors must carry the permit with them from June 15 through October 31 while in the Obsidian Limited Entry Area. Visitors must carry the Pamela Limited Entry Area permit with them from May 22 to October 31. There are no facilities within either of these Limited Entry Areas. Visitors should prepare to be self-sufficient and must practice "Leave No Trace" etiquette, including properly disposing of human and pet waste and carrying out all trash. Next summer, the Central Cascades Wilderness Permit is anticipated to replace the limited entry permit system for the two areas. ; More summer event cancellations because of the coronavirus. Organizers of the Art and the Vineyard Festival say they are canceling this year but hope to be back next year. The fundraiser for the Maude Kerns Art Center ordinarily takes place over Fourth of July Weekend and started more than three decades ago. ; the Oregon Department of Corrections is eliminating the state's

death row section of incarceration. The agency made the announcement Friday. Death row inmates live largely together in a unit at the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem. Prison officials say the elimination of the space that houses death row does not mean inmates' death sentences will change. Officials say eliminating death row reflects the department's decision to begin making individualized housing decisions regarding people sentenced to death, and a decrease in the numbers of those people. In the last 50 years, Oregon has executed two death row inmates. Voters have repeatedly implemented and repealed it from the state's Constitution. ; Just days after announcing it would end hazard "hero" pay to front-line workers, the parent company of Fred Meyer stores announced Friday it will give them extra "thank you" bonuses. The move comes after an outcry from the union representing thousands of Kroger workers across the U.S. Union officials complained that workers are still risking their lives by performing their daily jobs. The bonus is \$400 for full-time workers and \$200 for part-time workers, to be paid in two installments. Hazard pay was a \$2-per-hour supplement. Kroger and Fred Meyer officials estimate the new bonus will provide \$130 million to its workers. United Food and Commercial Workers International estimates that nationwide at least 65 grocery workers have died at Kroger and other retailers after contracting the coronavirus. Fred Meyer has locations in Oregon, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska. ; A Salem hair salon will be fined \$14,000 after reopening against Gov. Kate Brown's executive orders meant to slow the coronavirus pandemic. The Statesman Journal reports Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division is fining salon owner and stylist Lindsey Graham specifically, requiring that she and her independently contracted stylists close until approved to reopen. Once she receives the notice Graham will have three days to close doors. If not, she could be fined again. Graham argues it's her right to work so she can provide for her family. / CRIME, WILDLIFE: Investigators say four people were involved in or had knowledge of the illegal hunting and killing dozens of big game animals during the past two years, committing their alleged crimes in Benton, Linn, Lane, Lincoln, Polk and Tillamook counties. Investigators say 34-year-old William Hollings of Philomath faces charges including unlawful take and possession of buck deer, bull elk, black bear, and cougar; being a felon in possession of a firearm; hunting during a closed season; hunting without a big game tag; and lending, borrowing or selling a big game tag. Fish and Wildlife Troopers say while serving additional search warrants they located evidence of additional wildlife related crimes involving 39-year-old Nicholas Lisenby of Lebanon, 33-year-old Eric Hamilton of Alsea; and 37-year-old Amanda Hughes of Lebanon. Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife troopers say the evidence indicates many of the animals were killed during closed seasons or prohibited hours and that the restitution value on the wildlife could total more than \$162,000. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: GOVERNMENT, LEGAL, RELIGION, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, RECREATION, EDUCATION, ELECTIONS, YOUTH, VETERANS: Back-and-forth legal rulings yesterday that, at least for now, uphold Governor Kate Brown's authority to issue statewide coronavirus restrictions. It came after a judge in Eastern Oregon's Baker County ruled that Brown should have sought approval from state lawmakers before extending Oregon's stay-at-home orders beyond a 28-day limit. The lower court decision was quickly appealed to the Oregon Supreme Court and one of the high court justices issued an emergency hold that kept the governor's decisions in place until the Baker County decision can be reviewed by all of the state supreme court justices. The Baker County judge issued his opinion earlier in the day, in response to a lawsuit filed earlier this month by 10 churches and 21 individuals across Oregon whose attorneys argued the state's social-distancing directives were unconstitutional and deprived them of the right to freely exercise their religions. The churches are in Baker City, Bend, Klamath Falls, Roseburg, Camas Valley, Salem, Newberg, Portland, and Lincoln City. In a seven-page opinion, the judge wrote that the damage to Oregonians and their livelihood was greater than the dangers presented by the coronavirus. He noted that other businesses, such as grocery stores, had been allowed to remain open even with large numbers of people present and had relied on masks, physical distancing and other measures to protect the public. The Baker County judge ruled the governor's orders are not required for public safety when plaintiffs can implement physical distancing and safety protocols at larger gatherings involving spiritual worship. The ruling turned on the legal mechanism Brown used to issue her orders: The plaintiffs alleged — and the Baker County judge agreed — that they were issued under a statute pertaining to public health emergencies, not an older provision that addresses natural disasters such as storms, earthquakes or floods. The public health statute contains the 28-day time limit, while the other gives Brown broader powers. Brown declared a statewide state of emergency due to the virus on March 8 and issued multiple executive orders, including closing schools, nonessential businesses and dine-in service at restaurants and bars. Earlier this month, Brown extended the order another 60 days until July 6, but on Friday allowed 31 of 36 Oregon counties to begin loosening those restrictions. ; After learning that a justice on the Oregon Supreme Court had issued the emergency hold keeping her orders in place, Governor Kate Brown praised the decision. She said there are no shortcuts in the return to life as it was before the pandemic. And she warned that moving too quickly could return Oregon to the early days of this crisis, and again risk overwhelming hospitals with new patients. Scott Erickson, chief pastor of one of the churches behind the lawsuit, said his Peoples Church in Salem currently is holding drive-in services, with worshippers tuning in on their radios from the parking lot, and livestreaming.

Erickson said his congregation numbers 3,700 and, if they won their case people would attend in-person services with six-foot distancing, including leaving every other row empty. Erickson said anything people touch, like chairs and pews, would be wiped down before each service. Masks would be optional. In recent weeks, courts in other states have ruled against similar stay-at-home orders. The Wisconsin Supreme Court struck down its governor's order last week, ruling that his administration overstepped its authority when it extended the order for another month without consulting legislators. A federal judge in North Carolina on Saturday sided with conservative Christian leaders and blocked the enforcement of restrictions that its governor ordered affecting indoor religious services during the pandemic. In Louisiana, however, a federal judge refused a minister's request to temporarily halt its governor's stay-at-home order, which expired that same day. ; Coming off the weekend, Lane County Public Health officials say they were notified of five new positive tests for COVID-19, bringing our local total at 65 positive results with one presumptive case. The new cases include a person in their early 30s from Eugene-Springfield who is medically stable at home. Health investigators say the person contracted the virus from a previously diagnosed case in the same household. Three other positive tests came with people who had links to an existing case or cases. They include a person in their late 30s, a person in their early 50s and a person in their mid-50s. All are from Eugene-Springfield and all are considered medically stable at home. The fifth newly confirmed Lane County case is a person in their late 60s from Eugene-Springfield who is medically stable at home. Officials say the person was identified through what they call "proactive, point-of-care testing." County health investigators are working to determine who might have had contact with the patients. Anyone who did will be contacted by Lane County Public Health so the individuals may work with their health care providers on next steps. If a public contact exposure point is identified, that information will be shared with the public. Fifty-nine of our local patients have recovered from their illnesses. Five are being monitored as they rest at home. There are no patients currently in local hospitals. There were two earlier deaths. Since the outbreak began, at least 6,923 people have been tested in Lane County. ; The Oregon Health Authority on Monday reported 62 new positive tests, two presumptive cases, and one new death—a 69-year-old man from Marion County. That puts Oregon total number of confirmed cases at 3,687 with a cumulative death toll of 138. Of the 137 patients currently hospitalized statewide with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, 43 are being treated in intensive-care units and 13 of those are on ventilators. More than 97,000 Oregonians have been tested for the virus. ; Our state's coronavirus outbreak might have originated from multiple sources, according to new research at Oregon Health & Science University. Medical scientists at OHSU began sequencing the virus' genome from several patient samples the middle of last month. That's a good way to track the spread of a virus because different strains have different genetic signatures. Two major strains of the coronavirus include one that likely traveled from China, through British Columbia, into Washington state and down the I-5 corridor into Oregon. The other made its way from China into Europe, then the U.S. East Coast before making the jump to Oregon. The current OHSU data indicates there were at least 13 introductions of the virus during the first two months of the outbreak, likely as people traveled to the state for business meetings and vacations or returned home to Oregon. The state's first confirmed case came on February 28 at a Hillsboro hospital involving patient who worked as a custodian at a Lake Oswego elementary school. Researchers say are a bit surprised: They've found no evidence there were any infections tied to that first case and hope that means it was successfully contained. ; The economic fallout from the pandemic has left many Oregon families without resources to pay rent, buy food, make utility payments, and provide other necessities. Oregon's Legislative Emergency Board recently set

aside \$8.5 million for Oregon Housing and Community Services to provide rent relief across the state. Close to \$930,000 of the funding is coming to Lane County for distribution through the county's Human Services Commission. The money is being allocated using a formula that takes into account the average cost of local rents, poverty and homelessness data, and unemployment claims into consideration. Local housing organizations will handle the process of accepting applications and making rent payments directly to the landlord on behalf of the tenant. ; State employment officials later today release details on the jobless rate for April. It's expected to show a record surge in unemployment claims. It comes as the Oregon Employment Department prepares to launch the federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation program, which will provide 13 weeks of additional benefits for those who have run out of regular benefits, and remain out of work due to COVID-19 closures. Meantime, state employment officials say they've fixed the technical issues that led to increased wait times and disconnected some for phone callers in recent days, as well as cleared up problems that knocked the agency's fax machines offline. They say it happened as vendors worked to add more phone lines to the state's overwhelmed unemployment benefits system. ; Five Lane County campgrounds are reopening on a modified basis beginning on Thursday, May 21. And reservations are being taken now. The campgrounds include popular Harbor Vista Campground near Florence; Baker Bay Campground near Dorena; Richardson Campground on Fern Ridge; Archie Knowles Campground east of Mapleton; and Armitage Campground north of Eugene. County Parks officials say they've created a plan that balances the safety of campers while providing a place to enjoy the outdoors. Some of the precautions are: restrooms that will be serviced on a conspicuously posted schedule using approved cleaners and disinfectants; soap or hand sanitizer available in the flush restrooms in each campground; signs will be posted throughout each campground reminding people to maintain proper distance and hygiene; and campers will be discouraged from visiting those at other campsites or camping in extended family groups. Showers, group campsites and common areas such as playgrounds, pavilions, group picnic areas, shelters and sports courts will remain closed for now. There are other restrictions specific to certain campgrounds: At Armitage, the dog park will remain closed. At Baker Bay, the concessions stand will remain closed. At Harbor Vista, certain campsites will be unavailable to ensure proper distance between campsites. At Richardson, the day-use area and B Loop campsites, as well as a handful of other campsites, will remain closed to prevent overcrowding of the campground. ; Some popular Oregon State Parks in the foothills of the Cascades and the Willamette Valley are again welcoming visitors—provided you follow physical distancing guidelines. The limited day-use reopenings include Silver Falls State Park east of Salem, considered a “crown jewel” of the state parks system with its spectacular waterfall loop hiking trail. It reopened on Monday. Also among those that recently reopened: Champoeg State Heritage Site near Aurora; and Cascadia State Park east of Sweet Home. More state parks are expected to reopen in the coming days once enough staffing and safety measures are in place, including extra cleanings for facilities. But parks officials remind you to bring your own food, water, and hand sanitizer. Maintain physical distancing in parking lots and on trails. If a park is crowded, head someplace else. Facilities might close without notice. No state park campgrounds are open yet. That requires additional staffing and sanitation and will likely mean putting a system into place where only a limited number of sites are reserved and spots might be left vacant for a day or two between campers to ensure all traces of the virus have disappeared. ; On the northern Oregon Coast, one of the state's most popular beaches reopened to visitors on Monday. It came after city council members in Seaside approved a plan to allow access with physical distancing. The city closed its beaches to the public on March 23 after crowds swarmed the sand during the

first sunny weekend of Spring Break and tourists began buying up toilet paper, sanitizers and other supplies in stores. Seaside's two-mile beach closure was coupled with a ban on short-term lodging and The Oregonian and OregonLive reports it was among the strictest measures taken by a coastal community in this state to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Some other cities and counties followed suit, banning out-of-town visitors, or issued short-term lodging bans of their own. Last weekend, Cannon Beach closed its beaches for four days after hundreds of tourists crowded the stretch near iconic Haystack Rock. Seaside's City Council meets Wednesday to consider whether to lift the short-term lodging restrictions. ; She electrified fans and became a role model for a generation of young women and girls. Now, Sabrina Ionescu will be the University of Oregon's keynote speaker during its virtual commencement on June 20. The ceremony will be streamed during a live webcast, followed by prerecorded recognition of students. Ionescu, a member of the class of 2020, says she is "humbled and honored" to deliver the keynote address and that she hopes her words can bring comfort and inspiration during this challenging time. Ionescu was the consensus National Player of the Year in women's college basketball as she led the Ducks to the Pac-12 Conference Championship. She earned her bachelor's degree in general social sciences in 2019 and is working to complete her master's degree in advertising and brand responsibility through the U-of-O's School of Journalism and Communication. While Oregon's 144th commencement ceremony, set for 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 20, will take place during a live webcast, students in the Class of 2020 will have the opportunity to take part in an in-person commencement next summer. ; Hand sanitizers. Social distancing. Recently-licked envelopes containing dropped-off ballots. Today's May primary creates some unique issues for officials and workers handling the state's vote-by-mail election. Election workers in Oregon's 36 counties have been receiving instructions on safely handling ballots and will wear masks and gloves as they process thousands of returns. Elections workers, who often work in pairs, now must do so with at least six feet of physical distancing. A fact sheet from the Oregon Secretary of State's office notes that envelopes received by mail pose little threat because they go through postal machines that generate lots of friction, heat and airflow. Also, scientist say the virus only survives for about 24 hours on paper. But there were questions about how best to handle envelopes that were licked and sealed by voters before being delivered to drop-off boxes in the final hours of voting. State officials say workers open ballots from the bottom of the envelope, which avoids any recently licked flaps. And they say there will be plenty of sanitizer and disinfectant on hand. Some longtime temporary elections workers are unable to take part in processing this spring's ballots because they are older or have underlying health issues. Counties have hired others to fill their places but warned locations with lower numbers of workers might take a bit longer to process ballots. ; To be counted, your ballot must be received at the Elections Office or in an official drop box by 8:00 p.m. this evening. It is too late to mail it. Postmarks do not qualify. Instead, you may still hand-deliver your ballot to your county elections office or use one of the many official ballot "drop sites." You received a list of those sites with your ballot. Lane County's Elections Office is open to the public today. Visitors are required to observe physical distancing guidelines and wear masks. The Elections Office has a small quantity of masks available for visitors that do not have their own. ; Tuesday is Oregon's Presidential Primary Election, with both parties selecting delegates ahead of their respective conventions and the November 3 presidential election. In addition to state, county and local candidates, Lane Community College has its bond measure on the ballot that, if approved, would pay for earthquake safety upgrades and improvements to facilities and technology for many of its job-training programs. There is little drama in Oregon's May Primary elections race for the White House: President Trump is the presumptive Republican nominee and Joe

Biden is the presumptive Democratic nominee. Of more interest are the party races for Oregon secretary of state — the second-highest statewide office after the governor — and one to replace Rep. Greg Walden, a Hood River Republican, in the huge 2nd Congressional District covering eastern, central and part of southwest Oregon. Walden, the only Republican in the state's congressional delegation, is not running for a 12th term. Republicans running for the seat being vacated by Walden include Knute Buehler, a former member of the Legislature who unsuccessfully ran for Oregon governor in 2018; former state Sen. Cliff Bentz; and former state legislator Jason Atkinson. Four Democrats are seeking the seat, including Alex Spenser, who listed her prior government experience as campground host at Lava Beds National Monument and Death Valley National Park. Democrats running for secretary of state include state Sens. Shemia Fagan and Mark Hass, and Jamie McLeod-Skinner, who ran unsuccessfully against Walden in 2018. State Sen. Kim Thatcher is the only GOP candidate. Only voters who declared a party affiliation may vote in the primary races. Those who are non-affiliated only will see non-partisan candidates and money issues on their ballots.

; Songwriting, theatre exploration, nature art, rhythm and dance, natural dyes, even sock puppets. Children and teens might be staying at home this spring, but that doesn't mean they don't have access to arts education. The Lane Arts Council and ArtSpark Eugene are offering online arts education to students across Lane County. The free online video lessons led by Lane Arts Council's teaching artists. There's already a large number available on the ArtSpark online website at <http://lanearts.org/online-learning/> and more are added each week through the remainder of the school year. Classes will feature accessible art-making techniques and include visual arts, theatre, dance, music, and cultural arts. There's a list of materials and optional items kids and teens may use to complete their projects. The materials are easy for most families to gather, including watercolors made from spices, dye extracted from freshly picked dandelions, and ink made from coffee. Where certain tools and items might be less common, the courses offer suggested alternatives. The goal is to keep students' creativity and self-expression alive while they're learning from home by using creativity to transform everyday objects and routines into something fun and artistic. Thanks to everyone involved in the ArtSpark Eugene partnership, including the Lane Arts Council, Eugene Rotary Club, Eugene Education Foundation, and Eugene School District 4J.

; Veterans, if you're enrolled in college but having trouble completing your education during the pandemic, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is offering some financial assistance to help you achieve your goals. The Veteran Educational Bridge Grant Program provides financial assistance to veterans who are unable to complete their education when required courses are unavailable. The program was funded and established last year by state lawmakers and provides grants to eligible student veterans, allowing them to stay in school and finish their academic program. Under the program, eligible student veterans who are unable to complete their education due to the unavailability of required classes may receive grants of up to \$5,000. Recipients must be a veteran eligible for GI Bill® benefits, must be an Oregon resident and must be enrolled in an Oregon-based academic program that is approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

/ CRIME: You never know when something you learned in an earlier job or career might come in handy in your current one. Eugene Police say an officer who was once a bike shop manager was on patrol early Saturday morning when he stopped 39-year-old Cassidy Moon Hatridge for a bike light violation at West Seventh Place and Seneca Road. Hatridge was riding a full-suspension mountain bike. The officer, based on his previous experience, knew it was a high-end bicycle and recalled seeing a bulletin about one of the same brand that had recently been stolen in the Goodpasture Island Road area. After confirming the bike—a black Kona Process 153—was the same one reported stolen, he arrested Hatridge for First-Degree

Theft. The bicycle was reunited with its owner. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: GOVERNMENT, HEATH, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, CRIME: Lane County Public Health officials say they are preparing to hire two nurses to supplement their local testing and communicable disease investigations. The goal is to more quickly trace any new cases of the coronavirus and prevent any local outbreaks from spreading. One way the county might do that is through stepped up "sentinel testing." It's also a way to get of sense of how widely the infection might have spread locally, even among those who show no symptoms. "Sentinel testing" or "sentinel surveillance," as it's also known, involves testing people across the community, care setting or group, including those who appear well, to discover whether the virus is present but previously undetected. Sentinel testing could involve, for example, testing every fifth person a health clinic sees on a designated day; every tenth person at a participating workplace; or a selected group of frontline medical workers who might not have any symptoms. ; On Monday, leaders from Lane County, eight local cities, and Community LendingWorks submitted an application to the state agency Business Oregon for \$675,000 in grants for small businesses. The proposal includes an equal match from Lane County and its partners that, if approved, would provide a total \$1.35 million for grants to local businesses. If approved, the grants would be available to small businesses and businesses that are owned by an underrepresented or underserved groups in Lane County. Fifty-five percent of the funding would be earmarked for rural businesses. The remaining 45 percent would be available to businesses in the Eugene-Springfield metropolitan area. Lane County officials say they are not the only applicant but they hope to hear back from state officials in the coming days and weeks. In the meantime, they are working with their city partners and Community LendingWorks specialists to develop the grant-application materials for a quick rollout to local businesses should the county's proposal be funded. ; Meantime, Lane County spokeswoman Devon Ashbridge notes that not all small businesses have opened or fully reopened in the past few days. She suggests checking businesses' websites and social media posts or calling ahead to see what products or services they have available. And officials are urging people to be patient with local businesses, especially smaller ones that are working to reopen in the safest way for their workers and customers. As the local economy restarts, Lane County officials say they are working to create a plan for long-term recovery. The focus is on four areas of recovery: Business and Economic; Housing and Social Services; Infrastructure; and Lane County Services. ; Lane County Public Health officials say there were no new positive tests results yesterday, meaning our local total remains at 65 positive results with one presumptive case. Fifty-nine of our local patients have recovered from their illnesses. Five are being monitored as they rest at home. There are no patients currently in local hospitals. There were two earlier deaths. Since the outbreak

began, at least 7,889 people have been tested in Lane County. ; The Oregon Health Authority on Tuesday reported 33 new positive tests, eight presumptive cases, and two new deaths—a 69-year-old man from Linn County and a 70-year-old woman from Umatilla County. Both had underlying medical conditions. That puts Oregon total number of confirmed cases at 3,726 with a cumulative death toll of 140. Of the 137 patients currently hospitalized statewide with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, 43 are being treated in intensive-care units and 13 of those are on ventilators. Close to 100,000 Oregonians have been tested for the virus. ; Oregon's unemployment rate soared to a "catastrophic" 14.2 percent last month, marking the deepest recession the state has experienced since it began keeping records in 1939. And state officials say the numbers do not reflect the full effect of the economic downturn brought on by a statewide stay-at-home order and the closure of schools and most businesses. Analysts say the state lost 266,600 jobs in the first two months of the coronavirus pandemic, going from a near-record-low unemployment rate of 3.5 percent in March to April's 14.2 percent. More than half of all jobs in the leisure and hospitality sector—which includes restaurants, bars and hotels—have dried up. ; The two sides in the legal challenge over the governor's extension of certain "Stay home" orders have until Friday to submit their legal briefs to justices on the Oregon Supreme Court. It comes after a state high court justice late Monday put an emergency hold on a ruling out of Baker County, which found that Governor Kate Brown exceeded her authority when she shut down in-person religious services to slow the spread of the virus. A Baker County Circuit Court judge ruled that Brown first should have sought the Legislature's approval to extend her executive orders beyond a 28-day limit. ; Kohl's has reopened about half of its nearly 1,200 stores in the U.S. this week—including the one in Springfield's The Shoppes at Gateway— after temporarily closing them during the height of the pandemic. Officials with the department store chain said stores that have reopened are about 60 percent as busy as they were before the pandemic. The company expects that to increase as people become more comfortable shopping in person again. ; Officials with Kroger, the parent company of Fred Meyer stores, say they are not asking any employees to pay back coronavirus-related bonuses. Photos of letters from Kroger asking employees to return some of their emergency pay were circulating on Twitter Tuesday. Kroger blamed an accounting error for the letters and said it will inform the employees affected that they do not need to repay any money. ; Pier 1 is going under. Officials with the company that specializes in selling wicker chairs and scented candles says it is going out of business and will permanently close all 540 of its stores. The company has 12 stores in Oregon, including one in Eugene. Those retail stores remain closed during the pandemic. Pier 1 filed for bankruptcy protection earlier this year — but was unable to find a buyer. Company officials say Pier 1 will begin "going-out-of-business" sales once they reopen their stores. ; The Oregon Division of Financial Regulation has joined an international enforcement task force to investigate investment fraud during the COVID-19 outbreak. Task force members investigate websites and social media posts that may be promoting fraudulent offerings, investment fraud, and unregistered regulated activities. A critical component of fighting fraud is investor awareness. To help investors identify common telltale signs of possible investment fraud, the division recommends asking three questions before making a new investment. Is the investment being offered with a guaranteed high return with little or no risk? All investments carry risk. Anyone who says their investment offer has no risk is lying. Is there a sense of urgency or limited availability surrounding the investment? If someone offers you a "can't miss" investment opportunity and pressures you to invest right now, just walk away. Is the person offering the investment, and the investment itself, properly licensed or registered? You would not seek an unlicensed doctor or dentist; you should also avoid unregistered investment salespeople and products. Investors who see or suspect

they fell victim to COVID-19 related investment scams can contact the division's advocacy team at 888-877-4894 (toll-free) or visit the division's financial services page. / ELECTIONS: Quick roundup of some of yesterday's elections results across Lane County and Oregon: A big sigh of relief from backers of yesterday's Lane Community College bond issue. Voters approved LCC's \$121.5-million bond measure to pay for earthquake safety upgrades and improvements to facilities and technology for many of its job-training programs. Lane's president, Margaret Hamilton, thanked those who voted for the bond issue and those who campaigned on its behalf. She says the investment comes at a time of economic uncertainty and job loss and that LCC will be ready to provide career technical education, job retraining and two-year transfer degrees. Former Vice President and presumptive nominee Joe Biden won Oregon's Democratic presidential primary yesterday. Biden appeared on the ballot with a handful of other candidates, who had dropped their bids after Oregon's primary filing deadline. President Trump appeared unopposed on the state's Republican primary ballot. Fourth District Congressman Peter DeFazio, a Democrat, will face Douglas County Republican Alek Skarlatos in the November general election. In the mid-Willamette Valley's Fifth Congressional District, incumbent Democrat Kurt Schraeder will face Republican Amy Ryan Courser in the fall. Republican voters in Oregon's vast 2nd Congressional District chose a former state senator to be their candidate to replace Congressman Greg Walden, who did not run for a 12th term. Cliff Bentz beat former 2018 GOP gubernatorial candidate Knute Buehler and former state legislator Jason Atkinson. Four Democrats sought their party's nomination and that contest was too close to call but Democrat Alex Spenser has a slight edge this morning. Democratic U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley will face Republican Jo Rae Perkins in November. ; At the local level, some contested races in the cities of Eugene, Springfield and in Lane County: Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis and Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg won last night. On the Eugene City Council, Emily Semple and Eliza Kashinsky appear headed for a runoff vote in Ward One in November after neither secured more than half of the total ballots cast in the six-candidate contest. Claire Syrett appears the winner in Ward 7 and Randy Groves in Ward 8. In Springfield, there is a possible runoff taking shape in Ward 3 between Kori Rodley and Johannis Tadeo. Joe Pishioneri won the contested race in Ward 6. There might be a November runoff in the contest for the South Lane spot on the Lane County Board of Commissioners as no candidate appears to be grabbing more than 50 percent of the votes. That contest will feature Laurie Trieger and Joel Iboa. Pat Farr won his bid for reelection to the North Lane seat. Incumbent Lane County District Attorney Patty Perlow won her re-election contest against James Clevenger. / EDUCATION, SCHOOLS: Congratulations to Nicole Butler-Hooten, who is Lane's 2021 Regional Teacher of the Year. She teaches second grade students at Irving Elementary School. Butler-Hooten wins a \$500 cash prize and is in the running for Oregon's 2020 Teacher of the Year – to be announced this fall. Regional Teachers of the Year are nominated by students, colleagues, administrators, friends or family members to apply for the award, and are selected by a diverse panel of regional representatives. / SAFETY: One driver died, the other was hospitalized after a two-vehicle crash yesterday about five miles north of Harrisburg on Highway 99E. It happened at around 4:15 p.m. Investigators say it appears the driver of a Kia Rio was traveling southbound when it crossed into the northbound lanes and into the path of an oncoming Chevrolet Silverado. The operator of the Kia died from their injuries. The operator of the Chevrolet was transported to the hospital. The northbound lane of Hwy 99E was closed for about an hour and a half. ; Investigators have released the name of the man whose body was recovered on May 9 from the South Umpqua River in Douglas County. Based on dental records, he is identified as 36-year-old Samuel Elijah Davison who was reported missing in September of 2019. Officials say foul play is not suspected. But

investigators are still working to determine the circumstances of Davison's disappearance and ask you to contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Office if you have any details that might help. Call (541) 440-4458. / CRIME: Spending more time playing online social media games, answering quizzes and looking for school chums? Scammers are eager to trick you into revealing personal details that could be used to hack your personal accounts or steal your identity. Some warnings and tips from the Portland office of the FBI, whose investigators note that social media platforms have played host to various games and quizzes for a long time, but in this new environment think before you post: Many students in the class of 2020 won't get the traditional graduation ceremony this year. Because of that, there's a trend on social media to offer your support of these students by posting information about your high school experience, including photos and details such as your school name, graduation year, and mascot. All three are answers to common password retrieval security questions. Other online games might ask you to post a picture of your first car; answer questions about your best friend; provide the name of your first pet; identify your first concert, favorite restaurant, or favorite teacher. Some even ask you to tag your mother, which may reveal her maiden name. Before taking part in what appears to be a harmless social media share, carefully consider the possible negative impact of putting too much personal information online. There are ways to lock down your sensitive accounts so a fraudster would need more than just the answers to a few personal questions. One great option is to use multi-factor authentication. There are three categories of credentials: something you know; something you have; and something you are. "Something you know" is your password or a set PIN you use to access an account. The PIN does not typically change. "Something you have" is a security token or app that provides a randomly generated number that rotates frequently. The token provider confirms that you—and only you—know that number. "Something you have" can include verification texts, emails, or calls that you must respond to before accessing an account. Something you are" includes fingerprints, facial recognition, or voice recognition. This category of credentialing sounds a bit unnerving—but think about how you unlocked your smart phone this morning. You probably have used your fingerprints or face several times today just to check your email. Multi-factor authentication is required by some providers, but it is optional for others. If given the choice, take advantage of multi-factor authentication whenever possible, but especially when accessing your most sensitive personal data—to include your primary email account, and your financial and health records. If you have been victimized by a cyber fraud, you can report it to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, PETS: Toxic algae on Oregon's lakes, reservoirs and waterways is nasty stuff and occurs all-too-frequently in Oregon as the weather warms and things dry out. It can give you a rash and cause fatal problems for dogs. Here's a seasonal advisory and general advice from the Oregon Health Authority, which urges you to be on the lookout for toxin-producing cyanobacteria blooms when recreating in Oregon lakes, rivers and reservoirs: Cyanobacteria blooms are naturally occurring and can form in any water body. Many blooms are harmless, but under the right conditions — when weather, sunlight, water temperature, nutrients and water chemistry are ideal — they can produce cyanotoxins that make people and animals sick. Exposure to cyanotoxins occurs when water is swallowed while swimming, or when water droplets are inhaled during high-speed activities such as water skiing or wakeboarding. Symptoms of exposure to cyanotoxins include diarrhea, cramps, vomiting, numbness, dizziness and fainting. Although cyanotoxins are not absorbed through the skin, people with sensitive skin can develop a rash when wading, playing, or swimming in or around a bloom. Children and pets are particularly sensitive to illness because of their size and activity levels. Dogs can get extremely ill and even die within hours of exposure to cyanotoxins by drinking the water, licking their fur, or eating the toxins from

floating mats or dried crust along the shore. Only a fraction of Oregon's fresh water is monitored for cyanotoxins. This year, with safety concerns related to COVID-19, OHA expects even less sampling of affected water bodies. For this reason, it will be even more important, as recreational areas open and Oregonians begin to recreate, to understand your surroundings before you or your pet take the plunge. OHA recommends that everyone stay out of water that looks foamy, scummy, thick like paint and pea-green, blue-green, or brownish-red in color. If you are unsure, follow OHA's guidance of "When in doubt, stay out." Open recreational areas where blooms are identified can still be enjoyed for activities such as camping, hiking, biking, picnicking and bird watching. By being aware of signs of a bloom and taking appropriate precautions to reduce or eliminate your exposure, you can also enjoy water activities such as canoeing, fishing, and boating, as long as speeds do not create excessive water spray. To learn if an advisory has been issued or lifted for a specific water body, visit the Harmful Algae Bloom website or call the Oregon Public Health Division toll-free information line at 877-290-6767. For health information or to report an illness, contact OHA at 971-673-0440. For campground or lake information, call the local management agency. / ENVIRONMENT: A drought declaration passed by Coos County Commissioners was approved late last week by Oregon Governor Kate Brown. The governor's declaration authorizes state agencies to expedite water management tools and begin mitigation activities. According to the order, extremely low stream flow and hot, dry conditions in Coos County led to the declaration, which follows those made earlier in Curry, Jackson and Klamath counties. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, HEALTH, RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT, NATIVE AMERICANS: State economists say Oregon faces an 11 percent drop in revenue from the previous biennium after shutdown orders tied to the coronavirus pandemic triggered a big drop in tax payments. The updated revenue forecast finds that money arriving in the state's General Fund and other major sources of revenue have fallen \$2.7 billion from the March forecast and will be down an estimated \$4.4 billion for the 2021-23 budget period. State economist Josh Lehner says the current recession is the deepest on record with data going back to 1939 but is expected to be of shorter duration than the Great Recession. Including the current estimated loss of \$2.7 billion, he estimates Oregon's budgets could take a combined \$10.5 billion dollar hit between now and then. Economists forecast Oregon's economy will return to health by mid-decade. Until then, Oregon Governor Kate Brown says state leaders have tough choices ahead. She says she is working with legislative leaders to find the best ways to preserve critical state services, identify efficiencies, and prepare for potential budget cuts. The reductions could mean heavy budget hits for state funding of health care, schools, and law enforcement. The top Republican in the Oregon Senate, Fred Girod, blamed Brown for the economic fallout, saying the governor should have lifted restrictions weeks ago. State health officers said the shutdown orders, which began being relaxed this month, were needed to prevent the highly contagious virus from spreading and claiming more lives. At least 3,800 Oregonians have been sickened and 144 have died. Close to 400,000 Oregonians have filed initial jobless benefits claims since mid-March. The state senate's top Democrat, Majority Leader Ginny Burdick, said leaders must prioritize investments in the education, health and safety of Oregonians and marshal the resources and programs necessary to help pull Oregon out of its public health and economic crisis. Governor Brown said the state needs more help from the federal government, through Congress and the president, to help bridge the budget gap. Other cash-strapped states are making similar requests but there is a partisan divide in the nation's Capital over whether to create another stimulus package that includes money for state and local governments. ; Two more Oregon counties are beginning Phase One reopening starting tomorrow. Governor Kate Brown said yesterday that Marion County—which includes the city of Salem—and Polk County—which includes the city of Dallas—presented revised applications this week that were reviewed and approved by the governor and state health officials. Last week, the two counties' initial plans were rejected because they failed to meet minimum safety and health preparedness requirements. Both counties have grappled with recent COVID-19 outbreaks and deaths, but those numbers appear to be easing. Last week, 31 of the state's 36 counties began lifting some of their economic restrictions under the state's Phase

One reopening guidelines. The addition of Marion and Polk counties to the Phase One list means that only the tri-county Portland metropolitan area remains under the state's original, tighter restrictions. Clackamas County submitted its reopening plan earlier this week and it is under review. Washington County officials expect to submit their plan tomorrow. Leaders of populous Multnomah County are still working to meet key health and safety goals and have not finalized their reopening plan. ; There were no new positive tests results announced yesterday in Lane County. That means the number of confirmed coronavirus infections remains at 65 with one presumptive case. Sixty of those patients have recovered from their illnesses. Four are being monitored as they rest at home. There are no patients currently in local hospitals. There were two earlier deaths. Since the outbreak began, at least 8,129 people have been tested in Lane County. ; Four more Oregonians have died from COVID-19. Putting the state's death toll at 144. The Oregon Health Authority on Wednesday announced the deaths, which include a 94-year-old woman and a 90-year-old man in Washington County, and two women—ages 75 and 58—in Multnomah County. All had previously diagnosed underlying health conditions. State health officials yesterday also reported 65 new confirmed cases and 10 new presumptive cases of the coronavirus infection. That bring the number of confirmed cases in Oregon to 3,801. There are currently 152 patients hospitalized statewide—up 15 from Tuesday's totals. Forty-two are being treated in intensive-care units and 17 of those are on ventilators. As labs continue to ramp up their capacity, more than 102,000 Oregonians have been tested for the virus over the past two-plus months. Close to 20,000 of those tests came last week. ; Crunching some of the state's coronavirus numbers, slightly more women have received positive tests—about 52 percent or 1,995 cases. Three out of five deaths have been among residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities with high numbers of senior residents. COVID-19 is deadliest among older patients, with health experts saying those over age 60 are more vulnerable because they are more likely to have weakened immune systems and preexisting health conditions. But one-third of those diagnosed in Oregon are people in their 20s and 30s. Thirty-five percent are in their 40s and 50s. There are no deaths among 20- and 30-year-olds and only eight deaths among 40- and 50-year-olds. But experts with the Oregon health Authority say it is a reminder that COVID-19 can infect anyone, and recovery can take weeks. ; Starting Friday, managers of the Willamette National Forest are beginning a phased reopening of developed recreation sites. It won't happen all at once and it won't all happen in time for the Memorial Day Weekend, but it includes day-use areas and limited reopenings of some campgrounds that are managed by concessionaires. You may find the list of campgrounds that are reopening—including some that offering sites this weekend—on the Willamette National forest's website. They include some but not all sites up the McKenzie River and the Middle Fork of the Willamette. Terwilliger Hot Springs remains closed. So do the Fish Lake Rental Cabins and the Warner Mountain Lookout. The Fall Creek Trail also remains closed. Those campsites that are available may be booked through www.recreation.gov Access to amenities like restrooms, garbage service, and water facilities will be limited. Bathrooms might be closed or unmaintained, and garbage cans might not be available. You'll need to bring your own water, know how to properly dispose of human and dog waste, and pack out all your garbage. If we leave a mess, some of these areas might close again. So, it's important to relax and play responsibly. Some trailheads and day-use areas that are still snow-covered will be assessed for opening at a later date. Check local conditions and closures before you head out. Please follow physical distancing guidelines when in parking areas, trailheads, and on trails. Willamette National Forest official say there is no way to ensure a COVID-19 free environment. If the site you have chosen is full, have some backup options in mind. Carry enough food, water, and fuel for your trip. Many restaurants and

stores in smaller communities remain closed or have limited supplies. And follow any campfire restrictions. We've had some rain the past few days but forests remain drier than normal, so wildfire risk is elevated. ; Some Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife areas that allow overnight camping have reopened to campers. Western Oregon wildlife areas do not allow overnight camping, so the change applies only to some wildlife areas in nine Central and Eastern Oregon counties. ODFW Wildlife areas never closed to day-use, but overnight camping was closed on March 22 as the state's coronavirus cases climbed. Only three locations—Summer Lake, Elkhorn, and Wenaha (wuh-NAW'-hah)—maintain established campgrounds. The other wildlife areas offer dispersed camping. ODFW officials say if restrooms are present in these areas, they might not be maintained daily and are not supplied with hand sanitizer. That means visitors need to pack their own supplies. Visitors to wildlife areas are reminded they need a parking permit at many of these wildlife areas, which can be purchased online. The permit also comes with the purchase of an annual hunting license. Note that black bear and turkey hunting seasons continue until May 31 on many of these eastern Oregon wildlife areas. ; One of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife sites that has been reopened for camping is the Prineville Reservoir Wildlife area in Crook County. But that only applies to the ODFW's site. Oregon state Parks officials quickly issued a news release of their own yesterday, reminding potential visitors that Prineville Reservoir State Park remains closed to all camping. This includes all boat-in camping on the reservoir and dispersed camping at Roberts Bay and along the unimproved North Road. Oregon State Parks-managed campgrounds and dispersed camping areas are closed to camping at least through and including June 8. Many parks are open for daytime use—you may check park statuses online at www.oregonstateparks.org The reopened ODFW camping areas include: Bridge Creek Wildlife Area, Umatilla and Morrow counties; Elkhorn Wildlife Area, Baker and Union counties; Lower Deschutes Wildlife Area, Wasco County; Lostine Wildlife Area, Wallowa County; Philip W Schneider Wildlife Area, Grant County; Prineville Reservoir Wildlife Area, Crook County; Summer Lake Wildlife Area, Lake County; White River Wildlife Area, Wasco County; and Wenaha Wildlife Area, Wallowa County. ; Another Oregon casino is reopening tomorrow, in time for the Memorial Day Weekend. Managers of Three Rivers Casino in Florence and Coos Bay say they'll open their doors on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. and that the hotel is now accepting reservations. The casino, which is owned by The Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower, Umpqua and Siuslaw, will have some health restrictions in place. You'll see a reconfigured gaming floor, limited hours, more hand sanitizer stations and frequent cleaning. Masks must be worn by guests and workers. Some doors will be entry-only, some will be exit-only. Restaurant seating will be limited and fewer hotel rooms are available. But Three Rivers Casinos say it's an important first step toward reopening. In Lincoln City, Chinook Winds Casino reopens today with similar limitations. The Mill Casino in North Bend partially reopened on Monday. But Seven Feathers near Canyonville and Spirit Mountain Casino near Grande Ronde remain closed with no reopening date set. Oregon's tribes rely on revenues from the casinos to fund their economic development efforts as well as critical health, education, and social services for their members. ; More than 2.4 million people applied for U.S. unemployment benefits last week in the latest wave of layoffs from the viral outbreak that triggered widespread business shutdowns two months ago and sent the economy into a deep recession. Roughly 38.6 million people have now filed for jobless aid since the coronavirus forced millions of businesses to close their doors and shrink their workforces, according to number from the Labor Department this morning. An additional 2.2 million people sought aid under a new federal program for self-employed, contractor and gig workers, who are now eligible for jobless aid for the first time. These figures are not adjusted for seasonal variations, so the government doesn't include them

in the overall number of applications. The continuing stream of heavy job cuts reflects an economy that is sinking into the worst recession since the Great Depression. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimated this week that the economy is shrinking at a 38 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter. That would be by far the worst quarterly contraction on record. Nearly half of Americans say that either their incomes have declined or they live with another adult who has lost pay through a job loss or reduced hours. Those results come from a Census Bureau Household Pulse survey conducted last week. More than one-fifth of Americans said they had little or no confidence in their ability to pay the next month's rent or mortgage on time, the survey found. During April, U.S. employers shed 20 million jobs, eliminating a decade's worth of job growth in a single month. The unemployment rate reached 14.7 percent, the highest since the Depression. Millions of other people who were out of work weren't counted as unemployed because they didn't look for a new job. Since then, 10 million more laid-off workers have applied for jobless benefits. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said in an interview Sunday that the unemployment rate could peak in May or June at 20 to 25 percent. Across industries, major employers continue to announce job cuts. Uber said this week that it will lay off 3,000 employees, on top of 3,700 it has already cut, because demand for its ride-hailing services has plummeted. Vice, a TV and digital news organization tailored for younger people, announced 155 layoffs globally last week. Digital publishers Quartz and BuzzFeed, magazine giant Conde Nast and the company that owns the business-focused The Economist magazine also announced job cuts last week.

/ ELECTIONS: After Oregon Republicans on Tuesday selected Albany financial adviser Jo Rae Perkins to challenge Democratic incumbent U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley in November, her Election Day address to voters ignited a social media firestorm. The Oregonian and OregonLive report that in a video posted on Perkins' Twitter account, she expresses support for the QAnon (say: Q-Anon) conspiracy theory, which claims that a shadowy group of elites — often liberals — operates a global human trafficking ring, and engages in the ritualistic abuse and sacrifice of children. Many QAnon supporters claim President Trump is carrying out a covert mission to break up the "deep state," a term used to refer to the governmental portion of the alleged group and end the supposed trafficking ring. "Where we go one, we go all," Perkins says in the video, referencing a main slogan that has dominated internet forums associated with the conspiracy theory. "I stand with President Trump. I stand with 'Q' and the team." After her statements brought a wave of national attention, she appears to have retreated from her support and deleted the video from her Twitter account. Reached by phone Wednesday afternoon, Perkins declined to discuss her connections with the QAnon theory. Her campaign later released a statement that said she "would never describe herself as a follower," of QAnon. Perkins won the nomination by more than 55,000 votes, although election analysts say she is unlikely to pose a significant threat to incumbent Sen. Jeff Merkley in the solidly blue state of Oregon. A spokesman for the Oregon Republican Party declined to discuss Perkins' views Wednesday and referred all questions to the Perkins campaign. ;

The most curious election issue in Oregon this week involved a backhoe. Voters in Baker City decided Tuesday to sell the city's quarter-century-old backhoe, with 92 percent of the 3,000 residents who cast ballots voting in favor and only 8 percent opposed. The issue went before voters in the eastern Oregon community because their city charter requires it whenever an item valued at more than \$10,000 is being considered for sale by the Baker City Council. That meant placing the fate of the 1995 "Case 580 Super L" backhoe on the ballot. But it will be the last time such an issue goes for a vote before the community of close to 10,000 people: A companion measure updating the Baker City charter was approved by 75 percent of those casting ballots. It allows the city council to sell surplus equipment, regardless of value, without election approval. The new

language was endorsed by 75 percent of Baker City's voters in a move that basically said, "Don't bother coming to us with this stuff again." ; A measure to tax the wealthiest residents and the biggest businesses in Portland, Oregon, to raise \$2.5 billion over a decade to address homelessness sailed to victory, even as the state faces crippling revenue losses and record-high unemployment due to the coronavirus. Nearly 60 percent of voters in the three counties that make up the greater Portland region approved the tax Tuesday amid the greatest economic turmoil in years, a sign of just how intractable the homeless problem has become in the region. The measure was backed by powerful business leaders, many elected officials and some of Portland's biggest institutions, including the NBA's Trail Blazers. / WILDLIFE: The newest addition to the U.S. list of endangered species will be a weasel-like mammal that eats porcupines. Effective June 15, the Fish and Wildlife Service is declaring the Pacific fisher endangered in the southern Sierra Nevada but denying protection elsewhere in California and Oregon. It is part of a controversy that stretches over three decades and five administrations. The service says the southern population from Yosemite National Park to near Los Angeles is in danger of extinction. It says protection is not warranted in the Sierra north of Reno or along the California coast from San Francisco into southern Oregon. / ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE, WILDLIFE, FISHERIES: An Environmental Protection Agency report provides details about how federal government dams in the Snake and Columbia river system raise summer water temperatures and hurt endangered salmon runs. The report issued Tuesday said dams on the rivers play a role in raising water temperatures above 68 degrees, which is the point at which the water becomes harmful to salmon and steelhead. The Lewiston Tribune says the report also noted the water in the Snake River often exceeds 68 degrees before it enters Washington from Idaho. The same then happens with water from Columbia River when it enters Washington from Canada. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: MILITARY, RECREATION, HEALTH, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION, LOW-INCOME, FAMILIES, YOUTH: Going to be a pretty special Memorial Day morning in Lane and Douglas counties: The Oregon Air National Guard's 173rd Fighter Wing out of Kingsley Field near Klamath Falls is saluting our front-line medical workers and first responders Monday morning. The route includes flyovers of the: VA Roseburg Health Care System and CHI Mercy Health Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg; PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center; McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center and PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at Riverbend in Springfield; PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center University District in Eugene; PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center in Florence; and Lower Umpqua Hospital in Reedsport. The flyovers will complete the Oregon Air National Guard's Air Force Salute. During the past two weeks, the F-15s flew 1,920 miles, visiting 53 hospitals and other locations. According to officials with the Oregon Air National Guard, all passes are approximately 2,000 feet above ground level at approximately 400 mph airspeed. Flights could be canceled, or times changed due to inclement weather or operational contingencies. The flyovers are at no additional cost to taxpayers because they are taking the place of regularly scheduled training. The flyovers are a joint effort between Oregon's 173rd Fighter Wing, based in Klamath Falls, and the 142nd Wing, based in Portland. Anyone living in and around these hospitals and other locations should see and hear the jets. People are encouraged to view the flights from the safety of their own homes and practice physical distancing. ; The Siuslaw National Forest on Friday, May 22, is reopening many developed recreation sites at noon. Not all will reopen. Some campgrounds will remain closed. See updates at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/siuslaw/recreation> Scroll down the webpage for the updated list. The areas opening on Friday have a green checkmark in one column. According to forest officials: Most trailheads, boat ramps, and day use areas throughout the forest, and some OHV staging areas on the dunes, will be available for day use. Services will be limited at most sites so be prepared to not have access to bathrooms or trash collection. Please protect and respect your public lands and other visitors by packing out all your waste. Earlier this week, the Willamette National Forest announced it is reopening some day-use sites and campgrounds on a limited basis today, as well. See that list here: <https://go.usa.gov/xvJvj> They include some but not all sites up the McKenzie River and the Middle Fork of the Willamette. Terwilliger Hot Springs remains closed. So do the Fish Lake Rental Cabins and the Warner Mountain Lookout. The Fall Creek Trail also remains closed. Those campsites that are available may be booked through www.recreation.gov As is the case on the Siuslaw, access to amenities like restrooms, garbage service, and water facilities will be limited.

Bathrooms might be closed or unmaintained, and garbage cans might not be available. You'll need to bring your own water, know how to properly dispose of human and dog waste, and pack out all your garbage. If we leave a mess, some of these areas might close again. So, it's important to relax and play responsibly. Some trailheads and day-use areas that are still snow-covered will be assessed for opening at a later date. Check local conditions and closures before you head out. Please follow physical distancing guidelines when in parking areas, trailheads, and on trails. If a site you have chosen is full, have some backup options in mind. ; Limited camping returns starting June 9 in Oregon State Parks. Many day-use areas are already open on a somewhat reduced basis. But beginning on June 9, you may begin making your summer plans. The list of which campgrounds will open on June 9 is still being finalized. That list will be published on www.oregonstateparks.org by the end of next week. Not all parks and all services will be available. Most of the campgrounds will accept reservations, but some "first-come, first-served" state park campgrounds might not open until staff and funding are available. Those campgrounds that do open will honor existing tent and RV reservations starting June 9, and will accept new reservations from one day to two weeks in advance, instead of the usual nine months in advance. Reservations will still be made through Oregon State Parks' contracted vendor, Reserve America at <https://oregonstateparks.reserveamerica.com/> RV and tent campers without reservations will be welcome at open campgrounds as space and staffing permit. Reservations for most yurts and cabins, and group camping and group day-use, are still subject to cancellation. Visitors holding those reservations will be contacted if a cancellation is required. Two main forces determine when a state park campground can open: Some communities, such as the north coast, are not yet ready for overnight visitors from outside their area. A more widespread factor relates to funding: The Oregon State Park system is not funded by taxes, but by revenue from park visitors, a small share of the Oregon Lottery, and a portion of state recreational vehicle registrations. The revenue needed to operate state parks has fallen drastically since they were closed on March 23 because of the pandemic, leaving one of the most popular state park systems in the country to be operated by about half the usual staff. With a skeleton crew and limited means to hire more, there will be far fewer staff available to help visitors and address common problems such as noise and pets. Trash, landscaping, and cleaning services will all be reduced. Interpretive activities and ranger programs will be few and far between, if at all. Restrooms are expected to be available at each open park, but some shower facilities may be closed. Campground services, and whether a park is open or not, is subject to change depending on health conditions around the park, available staff, protective equipment, and cleaning supplies. Visitors can help state parks stay open: Choose a park as close to home as possible. Don't travel if you're sick. Visit with members of your household. Bring everything you need with you: trash bags, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, food, water. Pack out everything you bring in. Be gentle with the trails, restrooms, showers, benches, and picnic tables. Take it easy on yourself by enjoying low-key, familiar activities. Be a good neighbor. Keep your pets on a leash, your site clean, and respect quiet hours from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. every day. Keep at least six feet away from people from outside your household, and wear a face covering when you can't. Avoid crowds even if you have a face covering. Cover coughs, and wash your hands regularly. ; Recreational access is increasing on the Prineville District of the Bureau of Land Management in Central Oregon. Among the sites with limited reopenings: The Lower Deschutes Wild and Scenic River, including all launches and take-outs for the Lower Deschutes River managed by the BLM. Trip leaders holding boater passes will be able to run their trips with the following restrictions: Segments 1 & 2: At this time Harpham and Sandy Beach launches are not available for put-in or take-out. Recreational boating for Segment 2 from Maupin City Park to Sandy

Beach is not available and recreational floating is closed for this portion of the river. Trip leaders holding boater passes that include Harpham Flat or Sandy Beach between May 21st and June 1st must choose an alternate launch and/or take-out or request their pass be canceled and refunded. Alternate launches include: Wapinitia, Nena, Long Bend or Maupin City Park (note: Maupin City Park has an extra \$5 per boat launch or take-out fee). Maupin City Park is now the LAST take-out available for Segment 2 before Sherars Falls. All boats must exit at or before Maupin City Park. Trip leaders can change a launch or take-out in the same Segment through Rec.gov without an additional transaction fee. If a change is needed in a different segment, please contact the BLM at (541) 416-6700. All dispersed and designated campgrounds along the Lower Deschutes will re-open for overnight use on the same date. BLM boater passes limit group size to a maximum of 16 people in Segments 1, 3B (Pine Tree to Macks Canyon) & 4; and 24 in Segment 2 & 3A (Buckhollow to Pine Tree). Boating groups may not combine at any time if this number would be exceeded. The John Day Wild and Scenic River: All launches and take-outs for the John Day River have reopened. Trip leaders holding permits to launch May 21, 2020 and later will be able to run their trips. Group size will be limited to 16, and boating groups may not combine at any time if this number would be exceeded. Campgrounds in the Cline Buttes, Crooked River Ranch and Lower Crooked River Areas: campgrounds will re-open to overnight use in the North Barr, Buckhorn, Steelhead Falls, Big Bend, Palisades, Chimney Rock, Post Pile, Cobble Rock, Castle Rock, Stillwater, and Lone Pine locations. ; The temporary rule change allowing self-serve gasoline in Oregon amid the coronavirus pandemic will end over the Memorial Day weekend. The Office of the State Fire Marshal says the rule ends at midnight Saturday. Starting Sunday, attendants will again provide service at gas stations in Oregon where self-service is not allowed. Self-service is allowed in some coastal counties and in eastern and central Oregon. The rule change was implemented to address worker shortages at gas stations statewide because of COVID-19. ; The number of new jobless claims in Oregon climbed last week for the first time since March as more people filed for benefits during the coronavirus outbreak. The state received nearly 16,000 new filings for initial unemployment benefits. That brings the total number of jobless applications since mid-March to nearly 412,000 – affecting more than one in five Oregon workers. ; The Oregon Employment Department yesterday began providing unemployment benefits through the federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation or “PEUC” program. It’s a 13-week extension of unemployment insurance benefits for people who have run out of their regular jobless benefits and remain out of work due to COVID-19 closures. PEUC provides the same weekly amount as a claimant’s regular benefit amount, can be retroactive to March 29 of this year, or—for those filing in the coming months—available for 13 weeks through the end of December. Those who qualify also are eligible to receive the \$600 weekly federal benefit for each eligible week through the end of July. If you’re currently receiving regular unemployment benefits, you won’t be eligible for this new benefit program until your other benefits are exhausted. You may apply online, via secure upload, or by mail. More PEUC information and application materials can be found on the CARES Act page at https://govstatus.egov.com/ORUnemployment_COVID19 ; Are you a member of the High School Class of 2020 or Class of 2021 or an eligible GED student and spending the summer at home? Why not get a jump-start on your college education? Lane Community College is offering qualifying high school and GED students the opportunity to take a tuition-free summer class. It can be a credit class to help you begin work on your degree or a fun class where you learn a new skill. If it is a 4-credit course, the savings could be up to \$480. If you are enrolling for more than one course, the tuition for your highest credit course is the cost that will be subtracted from your Lane account at the end of Week 2. The deadline to apply for Summer Term Entry is Monday, June 22 and

all admission and registration details by Friday, June 26. While tuition for the course is being waived, you will still need to pay for fees and textbook costs your course might require. Payment plans are available. All summer classes are taught remotely over Moodle and Zoom. Both are free and Lane also is offering resources to help get you up to speed. You'll need to meet any prerequisites for the course in which you wish to enroll. Lane Summer Term begins on June 22 and continues through September 12. ; Earlier this month, officials with the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) announced that more than 351,000 students receiving free meals from Oregon schools will get additional food benefits for groceries during the school closure. Households will receive food benefits equivalent to the cost of one lunch and one breakfast for each eligible student – \$5.70 per normal school day for the months of March, April, May and June. Officials want to remind you that if you have children who attend participating schools and your family has experienced significant income loss, you might have become eligible for free school meals and the expanded assistance. There is still time to apply at <https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/FRLApp/Default> or by contacting your local school. To find out if your school participates in this program, visit <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/childnutrition/Pages/COVID-19.aspx> The expanded benefits are retroactive to March 16 for students who received free and reduced-price meals when schools closed. For newly eligible free or reduced-price students or SNAP households, benefits will start at the beginning of the month in which they become eligible. Eligible students will receive the following: \$69 for March; \$126 in April; \$120 in May; \$69 in June. Beginning in June, these additional benefits will be automatically deposited for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or “SNAP” households into their existing Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) accounts on their regular issuance date. Benefits are sent out from the 1st to the 9th of the month, based on the last digit of recipients' Social Security Numbers. Students who get free school meals but do not receive SNAP benefits will automatically receive an Oregon Trail Card in the mail in the months of June and July. Parents do not need to apply if their children are part of a school where all students receive free meals. Learn more at <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits> or at needfood.oregon.gov or call 2-1-1. ; A grant from local healthcare provider Trillium Community Health is helping to feed more hungry children in Lane County. Officials with our local food bank, FOOD for Lane County, say Trillium recently provided what is being called a “hefty grant” to boost the “Snack Pack” program. FOOD for Lane County's Snack Pack program distributes bags of kid-friendly food to children for afterschool and weekends. Coordinators say Trillium's funding will allow the food bank to distribute 5,100 emergency snack packs across ten school districts and 34 schools in Lane County during the next three months. The first phase of the Snack Pack program expansion will start today in the Bethel School District. The Snack Packs will be distributed with grab and go meals. Snack Packs include shelf-stable items such as juice, nutragrain bars, instant oatmeal, sunbutter/crackers, applesauce and other kid-friendly, easy-to-prepare food items. ; Flags often fly at half-staff on Memorial Day, to honor those who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. But on Sunday across the U.S., they also will commemorate those who have died in the pandemic. The official proclamations by President Trump and state governors came as the nation's death toll from COVID-19 climbs closer to 100,000. ; There were no new positive tests results announced yesterday in Lane County. That means the number of confirmed coronavirus infections remains at 65 with one presumptive case. Sixty of those patients have recovered from their illnesses. Four are being monitored as they rest at home. There are no patients currently in local hospitals. There were two earlier deaths. Since the outbreak began, at least 8,295 people have been tested in Lane County. ; State health officials yesterday reported 24

new confirmed COVID-19 cases and one new death. That brings the number of confirmed cases in Oregon to 3,817 and the cumulative death toll to 145. According to officials with the Oregon Health Authority, the patient who died was a 93-year-old woman in Polk County who had previously diagnosed underlying health conditions. There are currently 140 patients hospitalized statewide. Forty are being treated in intensive-care units and 14 of those are on ventilators. Those numbers are all a bit lower from the day before. More than 105,000 Oregonians have been tested for the virus. ; Authorities say an inmate in the Oregon State Penitentiary who tested positive for COVID-19 has died. It marks the first known death in the state of a prisoner linked to the coronavirus. The state's only maximum-security prison has become a hot zone for the coronavirus. Officials said yesterday that, systemwide, 148 prisoners — 115 of them inmates at the state penitentiary in Salem — have tested positive. So have 38 employees, 26 of whom worked in the penitentiary, according to the Oregon Department of Corrections. The agency is responsible for the care and custody of 14,500 adults who are incarcerated in the 14 institutions across the state. / SAFETY: Oregon State Police Troopers and emergency personnel responded to a single vehicle crash on Hwy 99 near Milepost 5 in Creswell shortly after 2 a.m. Thursday. Preliminary investigation revealed a Honda Accord, operated by 42-year-old John Farrell of Cottage Grove, was northbound on Hwy 99 when it left the roadway and damaged approximately 100 feet of a wood fence. Farrell was transported to River Bend Hospital. His passenger, 31-year-old Elizabeth Slagley of Cottage Grove, died from her injuries. / CRIME: A 66-year-old Canadian citizen will spend more than four years in federal prison and five years' supervised release in connection with a 2019 drug bust on a boat about 20 miles off the Oregon Coast. John Philip Stirling was convicted of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine under the Maritime Drug Law Enforcement Act. In April of last year, a U.S. Coast Guard Cutter was on routine patrol when they investigated the Mandalay, a vessel traveling from Mexico to Canada. After boarding, they arrested Stirling and seized 28 jugs, each containing more than seven gallons of liquid methamphetamine, and a duffel bag containing several plastic-wrapped bricks of pentobarbital. Investigators later learned the drugs had been loaded onto the Mandalay from another vessel in the Sea of Cortez for delivery to Canada. / RECREATION, SAFETY: Prevent your campfire from turning into a wildfire: Before going camping, always contact the forest district, agency or landowner first to learn if there are any current campfire restrictions. Bring a shovel and a bucket of water to extinguish any escaped embers. When you are ready to leave, drown all embers with water, stir the coals, and drown again. Repeat until the fire is DEAD out. If it is too hot to touch, it is too hot to leave. Where campfires are allowed, choose a site with an existing ring. Fire pits in established campgrounds are the best spots. If you build a campfire, avoid building it near your tent, structures, vehicles, shrubs or trees, or low-hanging overhead branches. Clear the site down to bare soil, at least five feet on all sides, and circle it with rocks. Store unused firewood a good distance from the fire. A campfire is less likely to escape control if it is kept small. A large fire may cast hot embers long distances. Add firewood in small amounts as existing material is consumed. A campfire left unattended for even a few minutes can grow into a costly, damaging wildfire. Stay with your campfire from start to finish until it is dead out, as required by law, and quickly extinguish any escaped sparks or embers. Consider alternatives to a campfire this summer: Portable camp stoves are a safer option at any time of year. Areas that prohibit campfires outside maintained campgrounds with established fire pits often allow camp stoves. Never use gasoline or other accelerants, such as propane or lighter fluid, to start or increase your campfire. Burn ONLY local wood: Hauling your firewood to a remote campground can transport invasive species. Instead, buy where you'll burn or gather wood on-site where permitted. State regulations prohibit the open burning of any other material

that creates dense, toxic smoke or noxious odors. Burning paper and cardboard can start new fires. Escaped campfires can be costly with citations, fines and firefighting costs. These can range from a few hundred to tens of thousands of dollars or more. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: MILITARY, HEALTH, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, LEGAL, LOW-INCOME, AGRICULTURE: Crowds turned out yesterday to watch pilots from the Oregon Air National Guard's flyovers saluting frontline medical workers and the nation's veterans. The aircraft are part of the 173rd Fighter Wing based at Klamath Falls' Kingsley Field. Their route took them over Douglas and Lane Counties, as well as other destinations. The four F-15 Eagle jets flew just below the clouds in Lane County, as they made passes above PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center; McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center and PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at Riverbend in Springfield; PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center University District in Eugene; and PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center in Florence. Earlier in their flight, they flew over the VA Roseburg Health Care System and CHI Mercy Health Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg. After their pass in Florence they headed down the coast and conducted a flyover of Lower Umpqua Hospital in Reedsport. Monday's flights completed the Oregon Air National Guard's Air Force Salute. During the past few weeks, the F-15s flew close to 2,000 miles, visiting dozens of hospitals and other locations. The flyovers took the place of regularly scheduled training, so officials say there was no additional cost to taxpayers. ; Flags flew at half-staff on Memorial Day, to honor those who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. On Sunday across the U.S., they also were lowered to commemorate those who have died in the pandemic. The official proclamations by President Trump and state governors came as the nation's death toll from COVID-19 climbs closer to 100,000. ; Since the first case of COVID-19 was diagnosed in Oregon in late February, Lane County has seen a combined 66 positive tests and one presumptive case. Sixty-one of those people are considered recovered, which means they have gone 72 hours symptom-free without the assistance of medication. But one patient was hospitalized late last week—the first time that has happened locally since mid-April. Three people are being monitored as they rest at home. There were two earlier deaths tied to the coronavirus, one in mid-March and one in April. Since the outbreak began, at least 8,466 people have been tested in Lane County. ; Over the three-day Memorial Day weekend, state health officials reported a combined 90 new confirmed COVID-19 cases, 12 suspected cases and one new death. That brought the number of confirmed cases in Oregon to 3,949 and the cumulative death toll to 148. According to officials with the Oregon Health Authority, the patient who died was a 93-year-old woman in Clackamas County who had previously diagnosed underlying health conditions. There are currently 128 patients hospitalized statewide. Thirty-five are being treated in intensive-care units and 23 of those are on ventilators. More than 113,000 Oregonians have been tested for the virus. ; Free Food Boxes Available at 4J Meal Sites on Friday, May 29: USDA "Farmers to Families Food Box"

Distribution / Friday, May 29, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. Additional distributions held weekly through June 30, dates to be determined. WHERE: Arts & Technology Academy, 1650 W. 22nd Ave. Awbrey Park Elementary School, 158 Spring Creek Dr. Chávez Elementary School, 1510 W. 14th Ave. ECCO, 200 N. Monroe St. (behind the district office). Holt Elementary School, 770 Calvin St. Howard Elementary School, 700 Howard Ave. South Eugene High School, 400 E. 19th Ave. (back of building, by the cafeteria). Eugene School District 4J is participating in the USDA “Farmers to Families Food Box” program to distribute free food boxes to families in need. The next distribution of 1,540 free food boxes will be on Friday, May 29, from 11:00 a.m. to noon during the free “to-go” student meal distribution at seven of 4J’s student meal distribution sites (see the list above). Families may pick up a box (one per family) at any of the seven locations. There is no proof of income required and students do not need to be present. The food boxes distributed on Friday, May 29, will include a combination of deli meat, dairy products, fruits and vegetables. During the first distribution on May 20, close to 500 families picked up a free box of fresh produce. Since school buildings closed in mid-March, 4J Nutrition Services team has served more than 250,000 meals to students in our community. ; As Oregon’s agricultural season gears up, Governor Kate Brown has authorized the distribution of close to one million KN95 masks and 5,000 gallons of hand sanitizer for farmworkers and agricultural producers. The personal protective equipment is being made available at no cost to the agricultural community to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. KN95 masks are a step below the high-grade N95 masks used by hospital workers but provide more protection than many other types of masks on the market. They are intended for general greenhouse, orchard and field work but are NOT intended for use when applying pesticides. Those chemical applications require a higher level of safety equipment. The distribution is taking place over the next few days across the state and one of the events takes place on Thursday here in Lane County. The event runs from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Lane County Fairgrounds. Similar events also will take place on Thursday in Douglas and Lincoln Counties. The mid-Willamette Valley, including Benton and Linn Counties, will see distributions on Wednesday. Limited supplies will be provided at each site until supplies are fully distributed. The events are being coordinated by the Governor’s office in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon State University Extension Service, Oregon Emergency Management, Oregon National Guard, and county partners. ; There was an interesting advisory late last week from the Oregon Department of Agriculture in the wake of those closures and slowdowns at Midwest meatpacking plants: Some desperate ranchers are looking to sell their animals out-of-state but not all are following health and safety guidelines. State agriculture officials say it is NOT a good idea to buy a truckload of out-of-state swine on Facebook or Craigslist. Many hogs are being sold to inexperienced backyard farmers who are raising the animals for their own consumption. The concern is that not all sellers are following Oregon’s animal importation laws. State ag officials say these are hogs they cannot track and that leads to serious concerns about whether the new swine population could carry diseases that do not exist in our state. They fear an unknown outbreak could wipe out Oregon’s swine industry. Oregon’s swine industry is small with about 11,000 hogs reported statewide. It is unknown how many hogs have been imported into the state illegally. To bring livestock into Oregon, animals must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, an entry permit, and individual official identification prior to leaving the farm of origin. The Oregon Department of Agriculture is asking buyers to make sure they are working with a reputable dealer and that all health and safety requirements have been met. The agency also is asking buyers to follow up with their veterinarian to establish an appropriate management program. Raising commercial hogs, genetically selected for feed efficiency and growth, can present some challenges if not managed well. ; A spike in reported coronavirus

cases in Redmond last week has been tied to social gatherings involving extended families. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports last week's breakdown of coronavirus cases by ZIP code in Oregon reported eight new cases of COVID-19 in the central Oregon town. That brought Redmond up to only 18 reported cases to date. But it amounted to an 80 percent change over the previous week – the highest in the state. Public health officials in Deschutes County told KTVZ that most of the county's new cases can be traced to social gatherings with extended family, like barbecues. ; The Veterans Affairs Hospital in Portland is making changes after a recent outbreak of coronavirus. A doctor tells KATU News the first case came when a patient arrived for treatment for another issue and two days later was determined to be positive for COVID-19. Officials say 28 employees and at least six others became infected. The Portland VA Hospital now is testing every patient who comes into the facility. They are also testing staff. Patients who remain at the hospital are retested every three to seven days. Portland VA officials say increasing the number of tests has become easier with more testing resources available. The hospital is also changing cleaning efforts and increasing supplies of personal protective equipment. ; The Oregon Supreme Court is giving a rural judge until today to toss out his ruling that found the governor's coronavirus restrictions are invalid. If Baker County Circuit Judge Matthew Shirtcliff declines to vacate the order, he must explain why. He must also give the state and churches who sued over the stay-at-home directives an opportunity to make further arguments. Shirtcliff ruled that Governor Kate Brown exceeded her authority when she shut down in-person religious services. He said she should have sought the Legislature's approval to extend the stay-at-home orders beyond a 28-day limit. But a justice on the state's high court put that ruling on hold and asked the two sides in the suit to submit arguments in the case by last Friday. ; Oregon Governor Kate Brown late last week gave Clackamas County the green light to begin its Phase One reopening. In doing so, Clackamas became the first of the state's three most populous counties in the Portland metro area to begin reopening restaurants, gyms, salons, and bars with safety measures in place. Multnomah and Washington counties are the only counties not yet approved to begin reopening. / CRIME, SAFETY: Oregon State Police say impaired driving is suspected in a two-vehicle crash Monday on Highway 58 just west of Pleasant Hill. Investigators say 65-year-old Pamela Thompson of Klamath Falls was driving a green Honda CRV that struck the back of a silver Jeep Patriot driven by 46-year-old Brian Nicoson of Cottage Grove as both vehicles were heading west on the highway. Both drivers were hospitalized with serious injuries. Investigators say the vehicle driven by Thompson had been the subject of a "reckless driver" call before the crash. State Police say all charges will be referred to the Lane County District Attorney's Office. ; A 21-year-old Junction City man was arrested early Saturday morning and charged in connection with a two-vehicle double-fatal accident in Linn County. It happened around 12:15 Saturday morning three miles east of Brownsville on Oregon Highway 228 when investigators say Austyn Hillsman, the driver of an eastbound Ford F-250 pickup, crossed into the oncoming lane, striking a Honda Pilot operated by 19-year-old Caleb Simonis of Sweet Home and containing two female teenage passengers. Simonis died at the scene. His 16-year-old passenger died from her injuries after being transported by LifeFlight to the hospital. His 15-year-old passenger was hospitalized with serious injuries. Hillsman, the driver of the pick-up truck, did not sustain serious injuries and was charged with Reckless Driving, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, and two counts of Criminally Negligent Homicide and lodged at the Linn County Jail. ; Eugene Police on Sunday released the name of the pedestrian who died after he was struck by a hit-and-run vehicle Friday morning in the 400 block of Bertlesen Road. The victim is 29-year-old Andrew Brian Cordin of Eugene. Officials say they were contacted Sunday morning by the suspected driver of the vehicle, identified as a 1996 Ford F-150 pick-up. They say

the driver is cooperating with Eugene Police Major Collision investigators. /

ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: A 13-year-old Utah girl who was vacationing with her family died in a freak accident Sunday on Detroit Lake, when she was struck by a falling tree. Marion County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol deputies say they were contacted shortly after 3:30 Sunday afternoon about the accident involving boaters in Detroit Lake's Box Canyon area. A caller reported two pontoon-style boats were near the shoreline tethered together, when the top of a large tree fell, striking both boats. The caller said at least one person was severely injured and was taken by boat to Mongold Boat Ramp for help. Deputies and emergency personnel arrived at the boat ramp a short time later where CPR was being administered to the victim. Life Flight was called but the girl did not survive the accident and was pronounced deceased at the scene. No other injuries were reported. /

TRANSPORTATION: Fuel prices climbed a few cents per gallon ahead of the Memorial Day weekend. But with fewer people driving fewer miles during the pandemic, prices remain well below what they were this time last year. AAA, the automobile club, reports this morning's average price for a gallon regular-grade gasoline in the Eugene-Springfield area stands at \$2.34. While that is four cents per gallon more than last week, it is a full \$1.10 less than the same period in 2019. Today's \$2.34 average is also a dime below this morning's statewide average price. Diesel prices show similar trends, with this morning's average price at \$2.50. They were 72 cents higher one year ago. The drops in price come as an oil glut continues to put economic pressure on domestic and international producers. In the U.S., many smaller oil producers are considering capping their wells as prices fall and places to store what they pump fill up. /

SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Searchers say they located and rescued a lost climber on Mount Hood early Saturday by tracking his cellphone data. Rescue crews found 31-year-old Nicolas David Larson of Sunriver and transported him to a hospital for treatment of hypothermia. Larson was reported missing Friday evening by a friend who had received text messages from him, and the lost climber called 911 a short time later. Larson said he had reached the summit of Mount Hood on Friday but became lost during in whiteout conditions. He had protein bars but no water and told dispatchers that his cell phone battery was running low. /

RECREATION: Temperatures might be heating up, but a few more ski areas are reopening across the West. Earlier, Oregon's Timberline and Mt. Bachelor restarted a limited number of lifts with new cleaning and safety precautions in place. Now, at least one resort in the Colorado Rockies has done the same: Arapahoe Basin near the Continental Divide west of Denver. /

AGRICULTURE: Cherry industry officials in Oregon and Washington estimate an orchard infection that strikes cherry trees has substantially depleted the fruit for this year's harvest across the Northwest. Oregon Public Broadcasting reported Sunday that the infection known as "Little Cherry Disease" has reduced the annual harvest by as much as 40 million pounds. The Northwest cherry harvest normally begins at the end of this month and continues through June. To combat the disease, cherry growers must cut down infected trees to prevent the loss of their entire orchard. Agriculture officials predict this year's cherry harvest in Oregon and Washington will total close to 21 million boxes of cherries weighing 20 pounds each. That is down about 20 percent from the record-setting crop in 2017. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: BUSINESS, ECONOMY, GOVERNMENT, RELIGION, SCHOOLS, RECREATION, HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION, SPORTS: Officials with the Oregon Employment Department say they have paid benefits to a record number of Oregonians within two to three weeks. But they say they know many others are caught in a backlog that stretches back to March. Now, agency officials say they are doubling down on their efforts to process the remaining 38,000 claims as quickly as possible. They say they will do that by continuing to hire and train claims specialists, adding that such staffing is already six times what it was before the pandemic hit. Oregon employment officials say their most experienced staff members will work on the oldest and most complex unemployment benefits claims. Starting next week and for two weeks, from May 29 to June 12, they say claims specialists will increase their outbound calls to resolve claims for those who have been waiting the longest. They say they also will temporarily reassign job center employees to take incoming calls to help resolve questions relating to everything from address and phone number changes and taking weekly certifications to restarting and checking the status of claims. Oregon Employment Department officials add that they are working identify claims that have become stalled in processing “traps” and move them forward. Thousands have been affected. And for those working to get through by phone or online, the agency says it is adding pre-recorded phone messages and emails to confirm whether they have received your Pandemic Unemployment Assistance or PUA claim. They say they are also working to add a customer service “chat bot” to their website. ; The push to process stalled jobless benefits claims comes as analysts further study April’s grim unemployment numbers. University of Oregon economist Tim Duy says new estimates from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate Oregon’s payrolls are down between 12 to 15 percent compared to the same time last year. Duy adds that while all regions of Oregon gave up years of job gains, the Eugene-Springfield region was particularly hard hit. According to the posted data, he says April employment—the number of people working—in Eugene-Springfield was 139,000. At the lowest point after the last recession, in September of 2010, employment was 140,100. In other words, Duy says our region gave up nearly 10 years of job growth last month. With most of the state moving into the initial phase of reopening and ending many of its strict lockdowns, Duy predicts employment declines will slow and eventually stabilize. He says in some sectors, such as elective medical care, jobs might rebound fairly quickly. But Duy cautions that other sectors will continue to be impacted by physical distancing restrictions, especially leisure and hospitality, and be fairly slow to recover. He concludes by writing that our region’s recovery to pre-coronavirus employment levels likely will be fairly slow as the Eugene-Springfield and greater Oregon economy adapts to the aftermath of the virus. ; A reminder

from officials with the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services: The agency is extending emergency orders for insurance companies providing property and casualty, long-term care, and life and disability insurance. The emergency order requires insurance companies to postpone policy cancellations, extend 60-day grace periods for any past-due premium payments, and extend deadlines for reporting claims. The orders were first issued in late March but have been extended through June 23 and may be extended in 30-day increments as needed while Oregonians recover from the pandemic and the economic slowdown related to the state's "Stay Home" orders. ; Two Oregon churches—one in Douglas County, the other in Josephine County— have filed suit in Eugene federal court claiming Governor Kate Brown's "Stay Home" restrictions limiting the size of social gatherings violate their constitutional rights to Freedom of Religion and Assembly. In the filing, attorneys with the conservative Christian non-profit group Alliance Defending Freedom say pastors with the Church of God of Prophecy in Roseburg and the Edgewater Christian Fellowship in Grants Pass believe they are "called to" resume in-person worship services beginning on May 31, Pentecost Sunday. Church officials say they would use physical distancing at the services. The governor's current executive order limits public gatherings to no more than 25 people. Attorneys for the two churches argue the ban makes such services illegal and would subject the churches to possible criminal and civil penalties. They claim that order should be put on hold since numerous secular gatherings exceed that number, including people shopping at malls and retail stores, working in offices, and dining at restaurants. In addition to the governor, the suit names the director of the Oregon Health Authority, superintendent of the Oregon State Police, and the sheriffs of Douglas and Josephine Counties. The suit is assigned to U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken. ; The Oregonian and OregonLive report more than 200 faith leaders in the state have pledged to honor the governor's restrictions. The suit from the two churches comes as justices on the Oregon Supreme Court prepare to decide whether a Baker County judge's May 18 preliminary injunction in a similar case should stand or be dismissed. The judge found the governor's emergency coronavirus order restrictions were "null and void." The injunction stemmed from a lawsuit filed in Baker County Circuit Court by 10 churches and 21 individuals. The state's high court last week put a hold on the injunction as it considers the merits of the case. Last week, U.S. District Judge Michael McShane denied an emergency injunction for a coalition of nine businesses and one nonprofit that had sued the governor. McShane found the plaintiffs were unlikely to succeed on their federal constitutional claims. McShane also said he'd leave the plaintiffs' allegations that the governor failed to follow relevant state law for emergency orders to the state Supreme Court to address, as it considers the similar case brought by Elkhorn Baptist Church and nine other churches from across the state. ; They can't be there in-person, so they're doing it through a series of video clips. Leaders of the Springfield schools say they've partnered with local production company Attic Media to produce what they're calling a "blended" graduation event. High school seniors and a limited number of each students' supporters—whether family or friends—are invited to individually celebrate their accomplishments and receive their diplomas. The video clips are being recorded this week at Springfield High School, next week at Thurston and the Wildish Theatre. As each student is called to the stage, they'll be cheered on by their small group of supporters. Attic Media will compile all of the clips with video of senior speeches and graduation speakers to create a keepsake that will be released to the students, their families and the community on June 11. ; Members of the Eugene School Board hold a work session this evening to discuss a proposal to close Corridor Elementary School. It comes as the district faces a deep budget shortfall in the wake of the pandemic. Eugene and other Oregon school districts are facing substantial funding reductions over the next few years as tax revenues fall. A new state revenue forecast released

last week confirms the decline in tax revenues, meaning school systems and other government entities are looking to slash their budgets. Corridor Elementary is a small alternative school program in the North Eugene region. Its enrollment has decreased over the past several years, to 142 students last fall. For the Fall of 2020, only 10 district children and 12 out-of-district youngsters are enrolled or have requested spots in Corridor's kindergarten program. Corridor currently shares a school building with Yujin Gakuen, the Japanese Immersion Elementary School. That building was set for demolition to make room for construction of the new North Eugene High School. The original plan was to renovate a wing of the current high school building and move the Corridor program, staff, and students there this fall. But Superintendent Gustavo Balderas says in his information packet for the board's work session that there would be an estimated one-time cost savings of slightly more than one-million dollars if Corridor did not move to North Eugene. Much of that savings would be by not performing the renovation work to move Corridor. But Balderas estimates there would be an annual cost savings of \$317,000 if the school's students and staff were relocated to other district schools. While the Eugene School Board will discuss the issue at the session, no decision will be made this evening. ; Some popular Oregon State Parks and hiking trails begin reopening today in the Columbia Gorge. They include limited, day-use access in Rooster Rock, Mayer and Viento State Parks, as well as scenic overlooks stretching from the Portland Women's Forum State Viewpoint near Troutdale to the Rowena Plateau near The Dalles. Portions of the Historic Columbia River Highway and some state trailheads also are reopening, including at Bridge of the Gods, Wyeth, Starvation Creek and Hatfield. But other popular trails, including Angel's Rest and Bridal Veil, remain closed for now. And the Crown Point Visitors' Center also is shuttered to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Multnomah Falls, the most-visited natural recreation site in the Northwest, which is managed by the U.S. Forest Service, remains closed. So, too, does the Oregon Department of Transportation's Multnomah Falls rest area off Interstate 84. ; No new positive tests for the coronavirus in Lane County. We remain at 66 positive tests and one presumptive case. Sixty-one of those people are considered recovered, which means they have gone 72 hours symptom-free without the assistance of medication. One patient remains hospitalized. Three people are being monitored as they rest at home. There were two earlier deaths tied to the coronavirus. Since the outbreak began, at least 9,561 people have been tested in Lane County. ; State health officials reported 18 new confirmed COVID-19 cases and one suspected case but no new deaths. The number of confirmed cases in Oregon stands at 3,967 and the cumulative death toll remains at 148. There are currently 149 patients hospitalized statewide. Forty are being treated in intensive-care units and 17 of those are on ventilators. More than 115,400 Oregonians have been tested for the virus. ; A rural Oregon judge says he will not dismiss his ruling which tossed out Governor Kate Brown's stay-at-home orders to fight the spread of the coronavirus. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports that Baker County Circuit Judge Matthew Shirtcliff told the state Supreme Court Tuesday he will not alter the preliminary injunction that declared Brown's directives "null and void." The Oregon Supreme Court last week stayed Shirtcliff's original ruling. The full court now will accept further legal briefs until June 2 before the panel decides whether it should uphold or dismiss Shirtcliff's preliminary injunction. ; As businesses continue to reopen across Lane County, a reminder that specialists with the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce created a 34-page publication called "Back to Business: A Guide to Reopening." It incorporates information from the state and county and can answer a lot of your questions. There is a new Spanish language edition this week. ; State officials yesterday provided additional information about this week's distribution of close to one million KN95 masks and 5,000 gallons of hand sanitizer for farmworkers and agricultural producers. The

personal protective equipment is being made available at no cost to the agricultural community to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Officials with the Oregon Department of Agriculture say anyone who is a farmer or rancher qualifies for the PPE distribution. You do not need to bring any documentation, but you will be asked to provide business contact information. The distribution is taking place over the next few days across the state and one of the events takes place on Thursday here in Lane County. The event runs from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Lane County Fairgrounds. Similar events also will take place on Thursday in Douglas and Lincoln Counties. The mid-Willamette Valley, including Benton and Linn Counties, will see distributions on Wednesday. Limited supplies will be provided at each site until supplies are fully distributed. KN95 masks are a step below the high-grade N95 masks used by hospital workers but provide more protection than many other types of masks on the market. They are intended for general greenhouse, orchard and field work but are NOT intended for use when applying pesticides. Those chemical applications require a higher level of safety equipment. The events are being coordinated by the Governor's office in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon State University Extension Service, Oregon Emergency Management, Oregon National Guard, and county partners. ; Research teams in a number of countries are working to create a vaccine against the coronavirus and several are already being tested on humans. But a new poll finds that only about half of Americans say they would get a COVID-19 vaccine if one becomes available. The poll, from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, finds 31 percent still aren't sure whether they'd get vaccinated. But another 1 in 5 said they would refuse. Among people who don't want a vaccine, about 4 in 10 erroneously believe they could catch COVID-19 from the injection. But most of the leading vaccine candidates do not contain the coronavirus itself, meaning they cannot cause the infection. Others use an inactivated form of the virus or just a snippet of its genetic code. Seven out of ten Americans who say they wouldn't get vaccinated say they're worried about safety. But vaccine researchers say they're monitoring all test patients for possible side effects and are not seeing any major issues in early trials. The new coronavirus is most dangerous to older adults and people of any age who have chronic health problems such as diabetes or heart disease. But while the poll found two-thirds of those age 60 and older say they would get vaccinated, 40 percent of younger adults say they would not, with many saying they don't believe they will contract the virus. The survey results are not that different from how people feel about getting the annual flu vaccine. More than 5.5 million people worldwide have been confirmed infected by the virus, and more than 340,000 deaths have been recorded, including nearly 100,000 in the U.S., according to a tally kept by Johns Hopkins University. But while most people who get COVID-19 have mild cases and recover, doctors say there is growing evidence that the virus is not only deadlier than seasonal flu, but has longer term health effects. They say COVID-19 can pneumonia, as well as blood clots, heart and kidney damage, and a life-threatening inflammatory reaction in some children. ; Dangerous blood clots that can cause strokes and other life-threatening problems are increasingly being reported in coronavirus patients. Even tiny clots that can damage tissue throughout the body have been seen in hospitalized patients and in autopsies. This feature of the disease is confounding doctors' understanding of what was once considered mainly a respiratory infection. It is also raising questions about prevention and treatment. Some conditions that make some COVID-19 patients vulnerable to severe complications, including obesity and diabetes, can increase clot risks. But many authorities believe how the virus attacks and the way the body responds play a role. ; The Wall Street Journal is reporting that Amtrak is preparing to cut up to 20 percent of its workforce in the next fiscal year as the national passenger railroad continues to suffer from a huge decline in ridership during the pandemic. Amtrak's ridership

and ticket revenues have fallen by 95 percent since mid-March, according to a memo to workers written by Chief Executive Bill Flynn. Amtrak is planning to slowly restart or restore some service halted during the lockdown. But the company projects ridership in 2021 will rebound to just half of what it was before the crisis. Amtrak employs more than 18,000 people nationwide. It plans to make the job cuts by October, the memo said, the start of Amtrak's 2021 fiscal year. Initially, the rail company would offer buyouts and retirement incentives. A spokeswoman for the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO, a coalition of unions that includes Amtrak workers, declined to comment. The pandemic has devastated the finances of the railroad, which had been steadily reducing its adjusted operating losses in recent years. Amtrak received more than \$1 billion as part of the CARES Act to cover an operating shortfall in the current fiscal year, but executives have acknowledged that the railroad will need additional financial help to cover shortfalls in ticket revenue in the coming years, as they wait for passenger demand to return. Amtrak has already cut \$215 million in capital expenses this year and is targeting \$600 million in further reductions like delayed station improvements and property acquisition. ; The Pac-12 Conference is allowing voluntary workouts on campus for all sports beginning June 15, provided the member schools follow local and state guidelines. The decision was made by the presidents and chancellors of the Pac-12 Conference schools. It comes on the heels of an announcement by the NCAA that schools may reopen for voluntary activities as soon as June 1. The conference's COVID-19 medical advisory committee created a series of guidelines and protocols for schools to follow once they decide to open for individual workouts. The University of Oregon and Oregon State University campuses remain closed through June 12, the end of spring Term. But under the Phase One reopening orders for Lane and Benton Counties, fitness clubs and private gyms are allowed to operate, which might pave the way for athletics practices. No reaction yesterday from the athletic directors at Oregon or Oregon State. Late last week, Governor Kate Brown said she would make sure they the Ducks and Beavers are not at any competitive disadvantage because of pandemic-related restrictions. / HEALTH, ELDERLY, GOVERNMENT: Many Medicare recipients could pay less for insulin next year under a deal President Trump announced Tuesday. The president was joined by executives from insurance and drug companies, along with seniors and advocates for people with diabetes, during his Rose Garden announcement. Medicare recipients who pick a drug plan offering the new insulin benefit would pay a maximum of \$35 a month starting next year, a savings estimated at \$446 annually. Fluctuating cost-sharing amounts that are common now would be replaced by a manageable sum. The insulin benefit will be voluntary, so during open enrollment this fall Medicare enrollees who are interested must make sure to pick an insurance plan that provides it. Most people with Medicare will have access to them and might already be enrolled in plans that will offer the benefit. The cost of insulin is one the biggest worries for consumers generally concerned about high prices for brand name drugs. Millions of people with diabetes use insulin to keep their blood sugars within normal ranges and stave off complications that can include heart disease, blindness, kidney failure and amputations. People with diabetes also suffer worse outcomes from COVID-19. Medicare chief Seema Verma told The Associated Press all three major suppliers, Eli Lilly, Novo Nordisk and Sanofi, were involved in the deal. Verma said the coverage will be available through "enhanced" plans that may cost more per month but offer additional benefits such as reduced cost-sharing on certain drugs. The cap on copays is expected to lead to a small increase in premiums. Importantly for patients, the new benefit would cover a range of insulin products, including pen and vial forms for rapid-acting, short-acting, intermediate-acting and long-acting versions. One out of three people with Medicare have diabetes, and more than 3 million use insulin. At list prices, the drug can cost more than \$5,000

a year. Although insured patients don't pay that, they do notice rising copays that are based on the full cost. People who can't afford their insulin may try to cope by reducing their doses, a dangerous calculation that can put their lives in jeopardy. Medicare's prescription drug benefit is offered by private insurers, either as a stand-alone "Part D" drug plan added to traditional Medicare, or as part of a managed care plan under Medicare Advantage. The taxpayer-subsidized private plans are closely regulated by the government, but by law Medicare is barred from negotiating drug prices — something Democrats including Biden want to change. Administration officials are hoping the announcement will provide a respite from the grim drumbeat of coronavirus pandemic news and help the president secure the support of older voters ahead of the November election. Medicare estimates that about 6 in 10 beneficiaries are already in prescription drug plans that will offer the new insulin benefit. Those whose plans don't offer the new option can switch during open enrollment season, which starts Oct. 15. Medicare's online plan finder will help beneficiaries find plans that cap insulin copays. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY, EVENTS, SPORTS, FAMILIES: Lane County Public Health officials said this week they are continuing with focused testing for the coronavirus on vulnerable local populations. The effort, known as Sentinel Testing, gives officials a better sense of whether and how the virus has spread in the community. The voluntary testing started with homeless campers who were sheltering in temporary facilities in Eugene and Springfield. It has since moved to local assisted living centers. County spokesman Jason Davis says staff and residents in three assisted living facilities were tested last week and testing is being conducted at three more facilities this week. Lane County Public Health also is conducting testing in the Latino community, which has seen a higher rate of infection than the population at large. As is the case across the country, a larger proportion of Latinos work in the service and food-processing industries and in lower-paying jobs that do not always allow them to physically distance or work from home. ; Lane County has only been in its Phase One reopening for less than two weeks. But already, many are wondering whether we will qualify to move to Phase Two in early or mid-June. The answer is that it's too soon to tell. Under state guidelines, counties must spend at least 21 days in Phase One before being considered for a further loosening of restrictions under Phase Two. State officials are still working out the details on what that would include, but say there would be a further loosening of restrictions on public gatherings and some offices would be able to reopen that have been unable to meet earlier physical distancing rules. Visitors would also be allowed under certain conditions in what are known as "congregate care facilities," including nursing homes and prisons. Lane County Public Health officials say key to any further loosening of restrictions is limiting the spread of the virus and swiftly tracking the source of any new cases. They say our local spread has been largely predictable, mostly within households and a few cases uncovered during random testing. Officials say hospital admissions have remained low or at zero. And there continues to be a good supply of personal protective gear for medical workers treating COVID-19 patients. ; No new positive tests for the coronavirus in Lane County. We remain at 66 positive tests and one presumptive case. Sixty-three of those people are considered recovered, which means they have gone 72 hours symptom-free without the assistance of medication. No patients are hospitalized. Two people are being monitored as they rest at home. There were two earlier deaths tied to the coronavirus. Since the outbreak began, at least 9,849 people have been tested in Lane County. ; State health officials reported 71 new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases yesterday but no new deaths. The number of confirmed cases in Oregon topped 4,000 yesterday and stands at 4,038. Our cumulative death toll remains at 148. There are currently 146 patients hospitalized statewide. Thirty-five are being treated in intensive-care units and 16

of those are on ventilators. More than 116,900 Oregonians have been tested for the virus. ; It is a devastating milestone: More than 100,000 people now have died from COVID-19 in the United States in the past few months. The cumulative U.S. death toll stands at 100,442 this morning. Close to 1.7 million people have tested positive for the virus during the past few months. More than 391,000 patients are considered recovered. That is according to numbers compiled from worldwide health organizations, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, by Johns Hopkins University. More than 15.1-million Americans have been tested for the virus. There are now 5.7-million confirmed infections of the coronavirus worldwide. More than 356,000 patients have died, but more than 2.3 million have recovered. ; There is a point when numbers become so large, they lose some of their meaning. When we say that the U.S. passed a grim milestone yesterday, recording more than 100,000 deaths from the coronavirus, what does that really mean? Some national experts said it was more than the combined U.S. death toll from the wars in Korea and Vietnam. But let's bring it down to numbers that might be easier for us to visualize: the combined attendance at Autzen and Reser Stadiums on a busy football Saturday is close to 100,000. Eugene has an estimated population of 171,000—so 100,000 deaths would mean losing close to three out of every five residents. What if it were not Eugene? Do some quick math, and 100,000 nationwide COVID-19 deaths is roughly equal to the combined populations of Springfield, Coburg, Junction City, Veneta, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Oakridge, Westfir, Florence and Dunes City.

Experts say Wednesday's national number is a "best estimate" and does not include suspected deaths from earlier in the pandemic or those who might never have been diagnosed but died from complications ranging from cardiac arrest to blood clots in the lungs or stroke. ; Up in the Portland metropolitan area, Multnomah County officials say they their county will be able to begin Phase One reopening in about two weeks. But a fresh outbreak of the coronavirus could hinder those plans. The Oregonian and OregonLive quote officials with the Oregon Health Authority who said Wednesday afternoon that they are working with Multnomah county health authorities to investigate an increase in COVID-19 cases tied to an undisclosed business and involving multiple locations in Portland's Tri-County area. Pressed for specifics and for the identity of the business involved, health officials said they are not revealing the company's name at this time but did not say why. ; A reminder that later today the Lane County Fairgrounds hosts a distribution of KN95 masks and hand sanitizer for farmworkers and agricultural producers. The personal protective equipment is being made available at no cost to the agricultural community to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Officials with the Oregon Department of Agriculture say anyone who is a farmer or rancher qualifies for the PPE distribution. You do not need to bring any documentation, but you will be asked to provide business contact information. The distribution is taking place from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Lane County Fairgrounds. Supplies are limited. KN95 masks are a step below the high-grade N95 masks used by hospital workers but provide more protection than many other types of masks on the market. They are intended for general greenhouse, orchard and field work but are NOT intended for use when applying pesticides. Those chemical applications require a higher level of safety equipment. The events are being coordinated by the Governor's office in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon State University Extension Service, Oregon Emergency Management, Oregon National Guard, and county partners. ; It is a Fourth of July tradition on the Central Oregon Coast, but not this year. Officials with the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce say they are canceling this summer's annual fireworks show but look forward to holding the event next year at the Port of Siuslaw. Florence Chamber officials say they waited as long as they could to make their decision in hopes the situation with the

coronavirus might dramatically improve. But they say given the timing and the difficulty in creating physical distancing for other July 4th events, including their pie- and watermelon-eating contests, bounce houses, concerts and the fireworks display, there was simply no way to plan with any certainty. Florence Chamber leaders hope they will be able to move forward with their annual Wine and Chowder Trails event, which is held every October. ; It has been a Christmas holiday tradition since 1987 on the Oregon Coast. But the work begins during the summer and the coronavirus is forcing the cancelation of this year's Holiday Lights at Shore Acres State Park. The park, near Charleston, normally attracts between 50,000 and 60,000 visitors during the holiday season. Preparation for the event takes months of work that would normally start now and last all the way through the fall. But coordinators with Friends of Shore Acres and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department say there is still too much uncertainty about the potential risk to the health and safety of volunteers, visitors, and park staff. Organizers of the holiday lights display at Shore Acres hope the event will return next year. ; For years, travelers have visited the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport to enjoy the exhibits and learn more about our region's rich mix of marine life. But the past 11 weeks have been challenging ones for the non-profit aquarium: With the doors closed, there are no visitors buying tickets to see the exhibits, take part in animal encounters, or overnight in the shark passages for Sleep in the Deep. But the 15,000-plus marine critters still need to be fed and cared for. The Oregon Coast Aquarium staff are readying the facility for an eventual reopening. In the meantime, they're seeking donations to the aquarium's Emergency Operating Fund. Learn more here:

<https://aquarium.org/support/make-a-donation/emergency-fund/> Want to learn more about the Oregon coast and its marine life? Follow the Oregon Coast Aquarium on social media and at <https://aquarium.org/> ; They say it's all about random acts of kindness, having a bit of fun and drinking a bit of wine. Have you heard about some of the groups springing up on social media in Lane County these days? With names like "Wine Ninja" and "You Been Wined," they started with some local women who thought it would be fun to create a variation on the childhood game of Ding-Dong Doorbell Ditch. And what a fun variation! Instead of just ringing the doorbell and running away, they leave a gift basket featuring Oregon wines and other locally-grown or produced products. Since the women started their groups, men have created similar groups with names like "Whiskey Ninjas." There's even a non-alcoholic "Kid Ninja" group that leaves toys and games and books. ; As businesses continue to reopen across Lane County, a reminder that specialists with the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce created a 34-page publication called "Back to Business: A Guide to Reopening." It incorporates information from the state and county and can answer a lot of your questions. Copies are available through the Eugene and Springfield Chambers websites and via their social media pages. ; Roughly 2.1 million people applied for U.S. unemployment benefits last week, a sign that companies are still slashing jobs in the face of a deep recession even as more businesses reopen and rehire some laid-off employees. About 41 million people have now applied for aid since the virus outbreak intensified in March, though not all of them are still unemployed. The Labor Department's morning report includes a count of all the people now receiving unemployment aid: 21 million. That is a rough measure of the number of Americans who are currently jobless. States are gradually restarting their economies by letting some businesses — from gyms, retail shops and restaurants to hair and nail salons — reopen with some restrictions. As some of these employers, including automakers, have recalled a portion of their laid-off employees, the number of people receiving unemployment benefits has fallen. First-time applications for unemployment aid, though still high by historical standards, have now fallen for eight straight weeks. In addition to those who applied last week, an additional 1.2

million applied under a new program for self-employed and gig workers, who are eligible for jobless aid for the first time. These figures aren't adjusted for seasonal variations, so the government doesn't include them in the overall data. Analysts are monitoring incoming economic data to gauge how consumers are responding as many retail establishments gradually reopen. Jobs won't return in any significant way as long as Americans remain slow to resume spending at their previous levels. Data from Chase Bank credit and debit cards shows that consumers have slowly increased their spending since the government distributed stimulus checks in mid-April. Consumer spending had plunged 40 percent in March compared with a year earlier but has since rebounded to 20 percent below year-ago levels. Most of that increase has occurred in online shopping, which has recovered to pre-virus levels after having tumbled about 20 percent. But offline spending, which makes up the vast majority of consumer spending, is still down 35 percent from a year ago after having plummeted 50 percent at its lowest point. The national jobless rate was 14.7 percent in April, the highest since the Great Depression. ; How are sporting goods stores doing during the pandemic? Kind of hit-and-miss. There's been a huge spike in sales of bicycles, from mountain bikes to road bikes and related gear and tools. Companies selling bikes and cycling equipment have had a hard time keeping up with the demand, with sales of adult leisure bikes up 121 percent in March and children's and BMX bikes up 56 percent. But stores selling uniforms and equipment for team sports also saw massive revenue declines as sports leagues across the U.S. went dark during the pandemic. Stores connected to sports facilities, like pro shops at hockey rinks, also have struggled. On the flip side, some sporting goods businesses have flourished. Fitness equipment sales soared after gyms closed, rising 130 percent in all categories, including cardio machines, free weights, home gym weight machines and strength training products, according to retail tracking company NPD Group. Weight benches were among the biggest gainers, increasing 259 percent. Golf net and screen sales are up 144 percent and putting mat sales are up 138 percent. ; Adults in households with children were more likely to report permanent loss of employment and food shortages since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a new U.S. Census Bureau survey. Early results of a new Household Pulse Survey show that 55 percent of households with at least one child under the age of 18 had at least one adult who had lost employment income since the start of the pandemic. Most said they had suffered a permanent loss of employment when they were laid off or a business closed. By contrast, adults not living with children were more likely to indicate their unemployment was temporary, such as a furlough. Adults living with children also were more likely to report sometimes not having enough to eat when compared to adults not living with children. They also were less confident in their ability to pay their rent or mortgage in June than adults who don't live with children or teens. ; A national program that offers financial incentives so that low-income consumers can purchase more fruits and vegetables has been pretty successful in Oregon. A recent Oregon State University study took a closer look at the Double Up Food Bucks program. It's used in conjunction with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP benefits, commonly referred to as food stamps. For every dollar that SNAP recipients spend on eligible foods at participating farmers markets and grocery stores, they receive an additional dollar they can put toward more Oregon-grown fruits and vegetables. In OSU's study, a vast majority of program participants say they bought more fruits and vegetables, ate less processed food and said they felt healthier because they were eating more fresh produce. Some grocery stores and farmer's markets have signs reminding SNAP shoppers about the benefit and which produce items qualify. Researchers and nutrition experts suggest people working with SNAP recipients could even organize market tours to help them learn which vegetables are in season or how to make the most cost-effective choices, even consider cooking demonstrations at

the market. ; Discount goods retailer Tuesday Morning has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, the fifth major retailer to do so since the pandemic. As part of the bankruptcy reorganization, officials with the chain said Wednesday they plans to close approximately 230 of its 687 stores over the summer to focus on high-performing locations and will do this with a phased approach. Prior to the pandemic, the company has already closed some of its Oregon stores. Tuesday Morning joins J.C. Penney, luxury department store chain Neiman Marcus, J.Crew and Stage Stores in filing for Chapter 11 since the virus was declared a pandemic in mid-March that forced many stores that sell non-essential goods to close and resulted in evaporating sales. Pier 1 Imports, which filed for Chapter 11 in February, is now liquidating its business. Tuesday Morning generated about one billion dollars in annual sales in its latest fiscal year. / SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT: Some quick action and soothing words helped defuse a dangerous situation early Tuesday morning near River Avenue at the eastbound on-ramp to the Beltline Highway. Eugene Police say shortly after 12:15 a.m. Tuesday, they responded to a report of an armed and suicidal man in his early 20s. Officials say he had called 911 asking that officers come to his location and shoot him and was threatening to kill himself if they would not. The man told a dispatcher he had a handgun and had taken alcohol and numerous pills. Officers say they responded and deployed from a distance but that the man, who was in a vehicle, drove by them several times. Police say they were able to get the man on a cell phone and establish rapport, convincing him to place his backpack, in which he said he had a firearm, into his vehicle. Once that happened, officers then moved in and took the man into custody and to a hospital for evaluation. Investigators say the backpack contained not only a firearm, but several extended magazines. / CRIME: Not a lot of details but Lane County Sheriff's say Marcola Road reopened overnight just west of Camp Creek Road. It came after a vehicle accident and search for a suspect. KVAL-TV is reporting the driver of one of the vehicles had allegedly threatened a family with a hatchet and a knife during an altercation near Hayden Bridge, fled in a nearby car, and crashed into another vehicle, before jumping from the bridge. More details might be released later today. / HEALTH, SAFETY: Most recalls we hear about for prescription medications are because of contamination or the addition of an unlisted ingredient. But Acella Pharmaceuticals this month voluntarily recalled 13 lots of its NP Thyroid medication, because the pills contain too much of one the medication's active ingredients, a situation known as "superpotency." NP Thyroid deals with underactive thyroid, a condition also known as "hypothyroidism." Super potent NP Thyroid can cause an overactive thyroid. The effects of that, the notice says, include, but are not limited to, weight loss, heat intolerance, fatigue, muscle weakness, hypertension, chest pain, rapid heart rate, or heart rhythm disturbances. It also warns that pregnant women can suffer miscarriages or "impairment to fetal development." Those with questions about the recall can contact Acella via email at recall@acellapharma.com or phone at 800-541-4802, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To report problems with this or any drug, go to the adverse event reporting part of the FDA website or call 800-332-1088 to ask for a reporting form. / GOVERNMENT, LEGAL, TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT: Nearly two dozen states, including Oregon, and several cities are challenging the Trump administration's rollback of Obama-era mileage standards. They say science backed up the old regulations that were developed with the help of the nation's car makers. The states asked the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on Wednesday to review the actions of government agencies that led to the new rule issued in March. A coalition of environmental groups also filed a similar petition with the court. The new mileage standards require automakers to achieve 1.5 percent annual increases in fuel efficiency. The Obama-era standards called for 5 percent annual increases and were seen as the government's most forceful

initiative against climate-changing fossil fuel emissions. The Environmental Protection Agency does not comment on litigation, but a spokesperson defended the new rule as one that “strikes the right regulatory balance.” The rollback was based mainly on the premise that car prices would drop an average of \$1,000 because automakers would spend less on fuel-efficiency technology but industry analysts have said that savings does not mean much when the price of an average new car is nearly \$40,000. The administration says less expensive cars save lives by encouraging people to buy newer, safer vehicles. However, experts say many of the vehicles that will be traded in will only be 4 and 5 years old with good safety features. Opponents claim dirtier air from the rollback will kill and injure more people than the rollback claims to save in roadway accidents. /

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RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING: It was a night of unrest in Minneapolis, where protesters stormed and burned a police station and demonstrations spread across the U.S. It came in the wake of the death of George Floyd, an African-American man who was restrained by an officer who dug his knee into the man's neck for nearly eight minutes, despite Floyd's repeated protests that he was unable to breathe. Bystander video shows other officers at the scene who apparently did not try to intervene and put a stop to it. Police around the U.S. and law enforcement experts are broadly condemning the officers' actions. Among them: Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner. Skinner says he found the video hard to watch and that it made him sad and angry: Sad for the unnecessary loss of life, for the Floyd family and their community; Angry, because once again, Skinner says, quote, "we as a profession can't seem to get out of our own way." He says officers like those in Minneapolis, quote, "find ways to tear apart the very trust and confidence most of us work so hard to build with our entire community." The police chief says that for those in law enforcement, events like this transcend the thousands of miles where they occur and resonate deeply with communities of color here in Eugene. Skinner notes that police legitimacy and trust is fragile, and it is a hard fight to make incremental gains. He adds Eugene Police are committed to being better. Skinner says training is key to good policing but that what happened in Minneapolis was not a training issue. He says no police department trains to kneel on a person's neck with the full weight of the officer's body. What happened in Minneapolis, he says, was a "heart and character" issue. Skinner says when you hire the wrong people who do not have the capacity for empathy, compassion, and—in this case—restraint, the outcome should be obvious. The police chief says hiring the right people, who have a heart for service, is where the profession should shift its focus. Skinner says Eugene Police are committed to hiring quality human beings first and foremost. He says the law enforcement agency strives to hire on character first and teach and train them to be police officers second. Chris Skinner says the everyday interactions of Eugene Police officers, ranging from traffic stops to contacting subjects during investigations, are reviewed on a regular basis to see the decisions officers are making because such interactions are where bias-based policing is often exposed. He also highlighted the department's partnerships with human rights and neighborhood groups and oversight by the Eugene Police Commission, Citizen Review Board, Police Auditor, Use of Force Review Board, and the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. / CRIME: Investigators say he threw a hatchet at a group of juveniles on Wednesday evening, chased them with a hunting knife, got into a car and pulled into the path of an oncoming vehicle—injuring the other driver—then fled. Now, 47-year-old Justin Rex Turner faces charges of of Assault and Attempted Assault, Menacing, Unlawful Use of a

Weapon, Driving While Suspended, Hit and Run, and a Probation Violation. Plus, he was wanted on an earlier warrant for criminal Mischief and interfering With a Police Officer. The Lane County Sheriff's Office, Springfield Police and crews from the Mohawk Valley Rural Fire District responded to the incident, which closed a section of Marcola Road near Old Mohawk and Camp Creek Roads Wednesday evening as officials searched for Turner and collected evidence. The juveniles told investigators they spotted Turner, who has no known address, applying graffiti under Hayden Bridge when they arrived to go swimming in the McKenzie River. They say when Turner realized he was not alone, he threw a hatchet them, barely missing the juveniles. Turner then reportedly began chasing the group with a hunting knife. One of the juveniles was injured during a fall while running from Turner. Turner then allegedly got into a Chevrolet Impala and pulled out onto Marcola Road right in front of an oncoming Honda, occupied by a 28-year-old Sweet home man and his dog. The crash injured the driver of the Honda and severely damaged both vehicles. The dog was reportedly unhurt. Investigators say Turner fled the crash scene and jumped from the nearby bridge into the McKenzie. Law enforcement agencies brought in a Springfield Police K9 unit to assist in the search and the Lane County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team also deployed a boat. Officials say Turner was located in the vicinity of the crash site and was arrested and lodged at the Lane County Jail. ; Detectives with the Lane County Sheriff's Office are investigating what they are calling a "suspicious death" at a residence on West 1st Avenue in an unincorporated part of Junction City. Investigators say the death was reported to the Sheriff's Office shortly before 4:00 p.m. yesterday. The Oregon State Police and the Junction City Police Department are assisting in the case. Officials say an uncooperative individual who was at the scene has been detained but at this point no arrests have been made. Investigators add there is no indication of any continued threat to the community in connection with the case. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Authorities say one person was killed in a helicopter crash near Roseburg. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office reports the crash happened around 2:15 p.m. Thursday south of the Green district of Roseburg. They say arriving fire, EMS and police agencies located the downed helicopter burning on private property. Local investigators are coordinating with the National Transportation Safety Board to determine the cause of the crash. No names or other information was released yesterday. ; Douglas County Sheriff's Deputies and Search & Rescue crews are searching for a reported vehicle crash which was relayed via CB radio yesterday morning. Around 9:15 a.m., Douglas County's 911 center received a report from an individual who said they'd overheard a distress call on CB radio channel 17 from a man who stated he and his wife had been involved in a vehicle crash on Thunder Mountain southeast of Glide and were in need of medical help. The caller told dispatchers he was near Tyee when he received the call. There was no further information to assist responders. Deputies and Search & Rescue Crews yesterday began searching Thunder Mountain area for signs of a vehicle crash but have yet to locate anything. There are no other known locations within Douglas County referred to as Thunder Mountain. Anyone who overheard the radio traffic or has concerns about missing or overdue individuals is asked to contact the Sheriff's Office at 541-440-4471. The Sheriff's Office is being assisted by the Oregon State Police, BLM Law Enforcement and Douglas Forest Protective Association. / COVID-19: HEALTH, AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, LOW-INCOME, GOVERNMENT, TRANSPORTATION, EVENTS, COMMUNITY: No new positive tests for the coronavirus in Lane County. We remain at 66 positive tests and one presumptive case. Sixty-three of those people have recovered. No patients are hospitalized. Two people are being monitored as they rest at home. There were two earlier deaths tied to the coronavirus. Since the outbreak began, at least 10,243 people have been tested in Lane County. ; COVID-19 has claimed three more lives in Oregon, bringing the

state's death toll to 151. The Oregon Health Authority yesterday announced 49 new confirmed and presumptive cases. The number of Oregon cases now stands at 4,086. There are currently 149 patients hospitalized statewide. Thirty-two are being treated in intensive-care units and 17 of those are on ventilators. Close to 120,000 Oregonians have been tested for the virus. ; State officials have confirmed that a fruit company with two Portland area facilities is the site of the coronavirus outbreak that infected dozens of workers. At least 48 out of a group of 350 seasonal workers who arrived in the Portland area over the weekend have tested positive. Health officials say they believe the workers contracted the virus before to coming to the region, where they were hired to harvest fruit at Townsend-owned sites in Fairview, east of Gresham in Multnomah County, and Cornelius, near Hillsboro in Washington County. The Oregon Health Authority confirms Townsend Farms' has an earlier outbreak in late April. But state and local public health officials never publicly disclosed that earlier outbreak, which involved 53 of Townsend's year-round employees. Yesterday, leaders with the Oregon Health Authority pledged that they will now report all coronavirus outbreaks at workplaces with at least five infections. ; The CEO of a Vancouver, Washington, fruit processor linked to 119 coronavirus cases says his company could have done more to protect employees. The Oregonian and OregonLive quotes Firestone Pacific Foods CEO Josh Hinerfeld, who said Wednesday that the company started implementing new safety policies and educating employees about the disease in March, but that it struggled to implement and enforce physical distancing measures on the production line and in a break room at its facility. ; "Your number is next." Starting next week, Oregon's Department of Motor Vehicles offices will begin offering a limited selection of appointment-only services at their locations. Beginning on Monday, you will be able to call your local DMV office to schedule a time for your appointment. Those appointments will begin on Wednesday, June 3. Services currently available by mail or online will not be available at DMV field offices. But you will be able to make an appointment for: Driver licensing and ID cards – originals, renewals, and replacements, including passenger car and commercial licenses, and instruction permits; Driver knowledge tests; Driving privilege reinstatements; Disabled parking placards; VIN inspections for new-to-Oregon vehicles previously titled elsewhere; and Farm endorsements. Officials anticipate high demand for these services in the first few weeks. They say if you need to renew a license or ID card, consider waiting until later in the summer when the initial rush for appointments eases. DMV officials add that the pent-up demand could lead to longer wait times on the phone when calling to schedule appointments. They ask for your patience as they work through the expected high volume of calls. When you arrive for your appointment, you will notice safety enhancements in DMV offices, including plastic shields at each workstation and lobby furniture that has been moved to promote physical distancing. Added cleaning also is taking place to help keep customers and employees safe. You are asked to arrive alone for your appointment unless you are a teenager who needs a parent or guardian there to sign an application for teen driving privileges. Translators will also be allowed to accompany those taking driver knowledge tests. If you feel ill or are showing flu-like symptoms, cancel your appointment. ; If it's just not summer without miniature golf featuring boulders, hollow logs and scaled-down waterfalls, good news: Willamalane Park and Recreation District is reopening Camp Putt on Monday, June 15. Camp Putt, with its outdoor 18-hole mini golf courses, was unable to open for its regular season during Spring Break. But managers say they've added health and safety measures including reserved tee times and limits on group sizes to help keep everyone safe. Full details are available online at Willamalane.org/CampPutt Willamalane also is continuing to reopen many of its other recreation sites. The district's outdoor tennis and pickleball courts reopened on Thursday (May 28). Tennis lessons resume on Tuesday, June 2. The parks

district has posted new guidance for safe play on its website at Willamalane.org/Tennis and health and safety signs will be posted at all outdoor courts. Other upcoming Willamalane openings include: The reopening of the Fitness Center on Monday, June 1. Registration is now open. Group exercise classes open Wednesday, June 3. Registration is now open. And Willamalane's popular Summer Camps begin June 15, with physical distancing and other changes in place. Summer camp registration begins on Wednesday, June 3, at 8 a.m. Willamalane officials hope to reopen more facilities and programs in the near future. Keep an eye on updates at www.willamalane.org The park and recreation district also continues to offer at-home resources for families, fitness, and parks on the website, as well. ; New research shows how dangerous the coronavirus is for current and former cancer patients. Two studies found that those who developed COVID-19 were much more likely to die within a month than people without cancer who got it. They are the largest reports on people with both diseases in the United States, the United Kingdom, Spain, and Canada. The death rate was 13 percent in one study and 28 percent in the other. That is far higher than the COVID-19 fatality rate in the general population. Results were published Thursday in the journal Lancet and will be discussed at a cancer conference this weekend. ; The U.S. House has passed an overwhelmingly bipartisan measure to modify a new "paycheck protection" program for businesses that have suffered COVID-related losses. It would give businesses more flexibility to use federal subsidies for other business costs and extend the program for four additional months. Senate passage is likely next week. But talks on a much bigger measure to inject more than \$3 trillion more into the economy remain stalled. The Paycheck Protection Program required businesses to spend their loan money within an eight-week window to get the loans forgiven. The new measure gives business owners 24 weeks to spend the federal aid. ; A debate in Congress over whether to extend \$600 a week in federally provided benefits to the unemployed is expected to intensify now that the number of people receiving the aid has topped 30 million — roughly one in five American workers. The money, included in a government relief package enacted in March, is set to expire July 31. But with the unemployment rate widely expected to still be in the mid-teens by then, members of both parties will face pressure to compromise on some form of renewed benefits for the jobless. Democrats have proposed keeping the \$600-a-week payments through January in a \$3 trillion relief package that the House approved this month along party lines. Republicans are more hesitant, believing that reopening more businesses is the best way to reduce jobless numbers and reduce the number of unemployed receiving the additional benefit. / LEGAL: Oregon's top two courts have begun reversing convictions by nonunanimous juries, the first of hundreds — and perhaps thousands — of cases that are being scrutinized after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in April that nonunanimous jury verdicts are unconstitutional. The Oregon Supreme Court returned 16 cases to the trial courts and reversed the convictions. The Court of Appeal reversed convictions in three other cases and remanded them to trial courts. A public defender says the county prosecutor can decide to drop the charges, proceed with the charges or, perhaps, try to negotiate a settlement. / LOW-INCOME, HEALTH, FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AGRICULTURE: A national program that offers financial incentives so that low-income consumers can purchase more fruits and vegetables has been pretty successful in Oregon. A recent Oregon State University study took a closer look at the Double Up Food Bucks program. It's used in conjunction with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP benefits, commonly referred to as food stamps. For every dollar that SNAP recipients spend on eligible foods at participating farmers markets and grocery stores, they receive an additional dollar they can put toward more Oregon-grown fruits and vegetables. In OSU's study, a vast majority of program participants say they bought more fruits and vegetables, ate less

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CRIME, POLICING, RACIAL JUSTICE, BUSINESS, SAFETY: Eugene's second night of citywide curfew ends at 6:00 a.m. It came after more incidents of people gathering, damaging some property, and seeking confrontations with police. The Eugene Police Department sent out an advisory earlier Sunday afternoon for people to avoid the downtown area because large crowds of pedestrians, estimated at 400-500 people, were walking in the streets downtown and blocking traffic. The curfew, which Saturday and Sunday nights originally applied to much of Eugene downtown and surrounding blocks, was expanded late both evenings to the entire city limits. During the hours of the curfew, people are not allowed to travel on any public street or in any public place in that area. Prohibited travel includes automobile, bicycle, foot, public transit, and any other mode of personal transportation. The curfew does not apply to people seeking emergency care, fleeing dangerous circumstances, sheltering in place, traveling to and from employment, making commercial deliveries, or to credentialed media. Violating the city's curfew order is a misdemeanor offense and is punishable by a fine up to \$500 or confinement in jail up to 100 days, or both fine and imprisonment. ; It was a large crowd and a peaceful one on Sunday afternoon, as an estimated 7,000-10,000 people gathered for a free speech protest supporting the Black Lives Matter movement. Eugene Police say they monitored the event with personnel from the Federal Protective Service and Eugene Springfield Fire & EMS to ensure participants had a safe environment in which to exercise their constitutional rights to free speech and peaceable assembly. The event began at the Federal Courthouse where those taking part heard from several speakers. Then, participants began a march to Alton Baker Park. But the large crowd quickly spread across the traffic lanes onto the Ferry Street Bridge, blocking traffic in all directions. Shortly after 2 p.m., police issued an advisory asking for the assistance of those on the bridge to clear the traffic lanes for emergency vehicles, including medical and fire units, which often use the bridge to travel to local hospitals. Police say they were concerned that blocking the ferry Street bridge created a dangerous life and safety. There were several instances of people in vehicles who called to report being stuck on the roadway and people knocking on their windows and one report of a victim in a vehicle being attacked by a small group of subjects. Details on that incident have not been released. Officials say that focus included life safety, property, preventing criminal violent activity, allowing peaceful march and the safe movement of pedestrian vehicle traffic to and from the protest locations. The Alton Baker Park event which concluded peacefully. ; But police issued another traffic advisory at 4:30 p.m. as a large crowd from the earlier peaceful event began walking in the streets of downtown

Eugene and then swelled to more than 1,000 protesters. Among the incidents reported as the afternoon turned into evening: There was a gunshot fired from a vehicle in the area of W. 11th and Olive Streets around 5 p.m. The driver called in the incident in a short time later from Silver Lane and River Road. Investigators say the vehicle had been occupied by two men and a six-year-old child. The men told police they had been behind the end of the protesting group when some participants then began tapping on the vehicle's trunk. Police say one of the vehicle's occupants sprayed a substance at the people around the vehicle. Investigators say the other, identified as 28-year-old Nathan Allen Huddleston, fired a round from his handgun into the ground to disperse the crowd. After police spoke with Huddleston and investigated the circumstances, they arrested him on charges of Unlawful Use Weapon, Disorderly Conduct and Reckless Endangering. At about 5:30 p.m., police say a Jeep was in the roadway where protesters were walking, when a man got out of the vehicle displaying a semi-automatic rifle. Witnesses said this incited nearby protesters, who began to group around the man. But the witnesses said one of the protest participants quickly and effectively intervened along with several others to keep the crowd away from the man. The man left in the Jeep. The incident remains under investigation. The remaining protesters moved on and returned to the original site of the afternoon gathering, the federal courthouse. ; Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner said early Sunday evening that marching within the streets, without a permit, is unlawful. But he added that because of the way the protesters conducted themselves, police refrained from taking any enforcement action. Skinner noted that the protesters were non-violent, caused no identified damage, and only disrupted traffic for short periods of time. He concluded by saying that the Eugene Police Department appreciated and complimented those involved with today's sanctioned event." ; Police say that early yesterday evening, it became clear that there were those looking to cause more trouble around downtown. And shortly before 6:30 p.m., City of Eugene officials announced a second night of curfew for downtown, which later expanded citywide. Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner noted that while the city saw a largely lawful protest earlier Sunday, where organizers worked to provide a safe framework for free speech, the later groups appeared to have a different set of goals. Skinner observed that, quote, "These protesters we have been seeing as daylight falls appear to be younger and excited about creating conflict. This comes at a cost to the community. Our local businesses and residents can't afford and don't deserve to have to pay for what occurs when mobs get out of control." At about 8 p.m. last night, police say a group of protesters began converging at the Broadway and Olive intersection. Officials say the cell of protesters grew to about 50 and some in the group began hitting light poles with a hammer to make noise. Officers said there were people sitting in the street and they were told to disperse. The majority left, but some continued in the roadway. One person was taken into custody. Police say they deployed gas was deployed at 10th and Willamette at 8:20 p.m. to disperse a group of protesters. They say it came after a crowd began forming at Kesey Square and a cell of three people went eastbound at 10th and Willamette knocking over mailboxes at 9:18 p.m. Four people were arrested around this time. In another incident, a group of 50-60 protesters at 8th and Mill Streets continued to block traffic, and there were concerns about the participants spreading to the traffic lanes of the Ferry Street Bridge, although officials say the group moved to the sidewalks. Police say the crowds were told to disperse, but that although the crowd moved from 8th and Mill, they did not disband. Instead, officials say they continued to move as a unit toward 13th and Alder Streets and the edge of the University of Oregon campus. Police say multiple people who were acting as aggressors were arrested. Law enforcement deployed gas at Kincaid and 14th Streets shortly after 11:00 p.m. Police said the group was still moving around the 15th and Lincoln Streets area at 11:45 p.m. ; What began as a small, spontaneous gathering on Friday night

shortly after 8:00 p.m. turned into a night of vandalism and bonfires that heavily damaged several Eugene businesses just west of downtown. No official damage total, but for business and building owners and managers it could range into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, including damage to buildings, windows, and fixtures; looted and damaged inventories; and the loss of jobs and paychecks for the dozens of people who work for the businesses. Much of the activity took place near 7th and Jefferson Streets before moving a few blocks east. Among those businesses heavily damaged during Friday night's incidents: Five guys, Starbucks, Jimmy John's, T-Mobile, Buy 2, Hunky Dory, High Priestess Piercing & Tattoo, and Fire House. Police said there also was Friday night vandalism that included spray-painting of Lane Transit District buses, aerial fireworks thrown at the Lane County Jail, and vandalism of the independent Police Auditor's office. ; But on the heels of Friday night's vandalism, people stepped up to help clean up the damage to the businesses and board up shattered windows and broken doors. Many arrived with daylight Saturday morning and spent the next few hours sweeping broken glass and trimming plywood and veneer to cover the gaping holes in windows and doorways. It's not known how quickly or whether the businesses will be able to reopen. Some hope to do so soon. Others, already hit hard by closures associated with the pandemic, might be evaluating their options. Those that do reopen will appreciate your business. ; While there were no arrests on Friday night as police worked to maintain calm and disperse the crowds, there were people taken into custody on Saturday evening after curfew went into effect. Eugene Police said the early part of Saturday night was characterized by small groups of mostly younger individuals with signs and masks roaming in various parts of the downtown and other areas, including Valley River Center. Police said members of one cell began to place construction cones to block traffic on Oak Street and that group was intercepted. Officials said another cell was similarly attempting to block traffic at W. 11th and Willamette Streets shortly before 10 p.m. on Saturday. As the night wore on, police said groups engaging in unlawful behavior were intercepted as they began their criminal behavior. At 13th and Olive Streets' Fire Station 1, officials said a group of about 20 people gathered and one person lit a torch, possibly catching the station's flag on fire. Investigators said the group moved around and grew to about 35 at Lawrence Street and 7th Alley shortly before midnight on Saturday. The group was warned to disperse but did not and at 7th and Washington Streets, police said they deployed pepperballs. There were multiple arrests early Sunday morning, but Eugene Police say peace returned to the area shortly before 1:00 a.m. Another area of concern had been Valley River Center, where groups had been observed walking around locations outside and near the mall. Shortly after 11:30 Saturday night, police said there were more subjects crossing streets to the mall and law enforcement units were in the area to ensure pedestrians did not get injured while crossing. A small group blocked traffic in the intersection by sitting in the roadway. / COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, TRANSPORTATION, YOUTH, EVENTS, WILDLIFE: In Lane County, we have had 73 total cases since the pandemic began—72 confirmed and one presumptive. Sixty-three of those people have recovered. One is hospitalized. Six people are being monitored as they rest at home. There have been three deaths. The most recent was on May 4 and was confirmed on Friday. Since the outbreak began, at least 10,569 people have been tested in Lane County. ; The Oregon Health Authority yesterday announced 58 new confirmed and presumptive cases. The number of Oregon cases now stands at 4,243. Officials say 153 have died in Oregon of COVID-19. There are currently 117 patients hospitalized statewide. Thirty-three are being treated in intensive-care units and 17 of those are on ventilators. Close to 123,000 Oregonians have been tested for the virus. ; The cumulative U.S. death toll stands at 104,383 this morning. More than 1.79 million people have tested positive for the virus during the past few months. Close to 445,000 patients have recovered. That is according

to numbers compiled from worldwide health organizations, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, by Johns Hopkins University. More than 16.9-million Americans have been tested for the virus. There are now 6.1-million confirmed infections of the coronavirus worldwide. More than 372,000 patients have died, but more than 2.6 million have recovered. ; Governor Kate Brown has fired the head of the Oregon Employment Department after long delays in delivering benefits to people who have lost jobs during the coronavirus outbreak. Brown said Sunday she had asked for and received the resignation of Kay Erickson, who had run the department since Brown appointed her to the post in 2016. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports the employment department struggled through a series of leadership crises in the years before Erickson took over. When the pandemic hit, the employment department was quickly overwhelmed as more than 440,000 Oregonians filed for jobless benefits and the state's unemployment rate spiked to an all-time high, 14.2 percent. On Thursday, Erickson announced a two-week push to eliminate the state's backlog of an estimated 38,000 claims for initial unemployment benefits. David Gerstenfeld, another top agency official, has been named interim director. ; Starting this week, Oregon's Department of Motor Vehicles offices will begin offering a limited selection of appointment-only services at their locations. Beginning this morning, you may call your local DMV office to schedule a time for your appointment. Those appointments will begin on Wednesday, June 3. Services that will be available by appointment include: Driver licensing and ID cards – originals, renewals, and replacements, including passenger car and commercial licenses, and instruction permits; Driver knowledge tests; Driving privilege reinstatements; Disabled parking placards; VIN inspections for new-to-Oregon vehicles previously titled elsewhere; and Farm endorsements. Some other services are available online or by phone. There could be high demand for appointments in the first week or so. Officials say if you need to renew a license or ID card, consider waiting until later in the summer when the initial rush for appointments eases. DMV officials also say to expect longer wait times on the phone when calling to schedule appointments. They ask for your patience. When you arrive for your appointment, you will notice safety enhancements in DMV offices, including plastic shields at each workstation and lobby furniture that has been moved to promote physical distancing. Added cleaning also is taking place to help keep customers and employees safe. You are asked to arrive alone for your appointment unless you are a teenager who needs a parent or guardian there to sign an application for teen driving privileges. Translators will also be allowed to accompany those taking driver knowledge tests. If you feel ill or are showing flu-like symptoms, cancel your appointment. ; The Cascades Raptor Center is preparing to reopen its doors on Wednesday, June 3, for the first time since March. That good news for those who enjoying seeing the hawks, owls, falcons, and eagles in their wooded sites near Eugene's Spencer Butte. Raptor Center managers say they're limiting the number of visitors by requiring people to reserve and pay in advance. Members, who get in free, still will need to go online to book a time to visit. The website is cascadesraptorcenter.org The Cascades Raptor Center initially will operate Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gift shop will remain closed for now, with patrons instead directed to use the center's online store. Staff will wear masks and all visitors over the age of two must do so, as well. You'll be asked to focus on physical distancing, since trails are narrow and there's no easy way to convert all of them to one-way strolling. There will be handwashing and hand sanitizer stations. But restrooms will NOT be available and, for now, no picnicking is allowed on-site. ; The Maude Kerns Art Center is inviting all teen artists between the ages of 13 and 19 to submit work for possible inclusion in the 21st annual "Mayor's Teen Art Show." The exhibit runs September 4 – September 25 and teen artists will compete for awards that include cash prizes and the "Mayor's Choice" Award. Because of the pandemic,

the deadline for submitting your work has been extended to July 20. Teen artists may submit pieces ranging from paintings, drawings, and sculpture, to photography and digital art. All work must have been completed within the last 12 months. Images, along with a completed application form, may be submitted either by email at exhibits@mkartcenter.org or on a CD or thumb drive. Visit the Center's website at www.mkartcenter.org for an application form. For more information, contact the Art Center at 541-345-1571. The Maude Kerns Art Center is located at 1910 E. 15th Avenue at the corner of 15th and Villard Streets in Eugene. The non-profit center's gallery hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Mondays – Fridays, and from noon to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays when there's an active exhibit. / CRIME: A 28-year-old man faces charges in connection with firing shots from a handgun early this morning near 39th and Main Streets in Springfield. Police say they arrested Colten Robert Schell of Springfield for Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm and Disorderly Conduct. It came after Springfield police began receiving calls around 3:45 this morning about a man firing a gun. During a search, Officer Kody Lane saw the suspect trying to get into an apartment complex parking lot in the 200 block of 39th Street. Multiple officers arrived and began giving the suspect orders to lay on the ground. They said a handgun was observed tucked into the front of Schell's waistband and that he appeared intoxicated and slow to respond to orders to lie on the ground. After Schell made a comment about lowering his hands, which police feared might create a potentially lethal encounter, they say they used a Taser although it was not successfully deployed. But they say Schell did slowly get on the ground and was taken into custody without further incident. Investigators say eight shell casings were located on Main Street. At this time, they do not believe Schell was firing at another person and they say the incident was NOT related to a riot or protest. Springfield Police are asking that anyone who witnessed the shooting contact them. / TRANSPORTATION: Eugene Water & Electric Board crews on Monday, June 1, will begin a water main replacement project on Chambers Street between West 11th and West 13th Avenues. This project is part of EWEB's strategy to replace and renew the water system to increase water reliability and system resiliency. The work is being done ahead of the City of Eugene paving project for this portion of Chambers. The work will take place Monday through Thursday between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., however, intermittent work may take place outside of these hours as necessary. EWEB expects this project to take approximately eight weeks to complete. During work hours, southbound Chambers Street will be closed to traffic in the project area. Drivers and cyclists in this area are advised to find alternate routes to avoid delays. / AGRICULTURE: A dead Asian giant hornet has been found in Washington state, and officials said Friday they are trying to learn if the insects have established colonies. The Washington state Department of Agriculture said it was the first confirmed sighting of an Asian giant hornet in Washington this year. The Asian giant hornet is the world's largest hornet and a predator of honeybees and other insects. A small group of Asian giant hornets can kill an entire honeybee hive in a matter of hours. The hornets are known as Murder Hornets in Japan, a name upon which Washington state officials frown. /

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DISCUSSED CRIME, RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING, BUSINESS, COMMUNITY: A fourth night of citywide curfew comes to an end at 6:00 a.m. Once again Monday evening, Eugene officials enacted a nighttime curfew in downtown Eugene beginning at 10:00 p.m. But an hour after it went into effect, it was extended citywide. It came as police continued to respond to calls about roving protest groups at 10th and Adams Streets and along a portion of 18th Avenue. Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner said members of the groups were making efforts to stay on the sidewalk at times. He acknowledged the gatherings did, at times, block traffic but said participants were peaceful and police intervention was not needed—although those in the groups were advised of the curfew zone. Violating the city's curfew order is a misdemeanor offense and is punishable by a fine up to \$500 or confinement in jail up to 100 days, or both fine and imprisonment. ; He regrets that it got out of control before they could intervene. But Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner says the priority was protecting lives ahead of property. Skinner spoke with members of the media yesterday about Friday night's violent protests that led to heavy vandalism and looting of some local businesses west of downtown. Skinner says the gathering was much smaller at the start of the evening, with only 30 or 40 individuals. He says most of those participants were loud but mostly were behaving in a lawful fashion. But the police chief says the crowd quickly ballooned to more than 200 people as word spread on social media and through other methods. That, says Skinner, is when things became very violent and events quickly spiraled out of control. Skinner says police were scrambling to pull together resources to deal with the growing crowd but things got out of control before they safely disperse the throng. The police chief says he made the decision to put lives ahead of property and says he will always make that decision. He says Eugene Police and other agencies learned a hard lesson and that is why there was a higher level of readiness and preparedness on Saturday and Sunday nights. Skinner says when police make decisions during fast-evolving situations, they do it with the information and intelligence they have on hand. He says on Friday night and through the weekend, Eugene Police actions were the result of thoughtful decisions. He acknowledges they are not always the right decisions, and Friday night was an example of that. But Skinner says police do the best they can. He wishes they could have done something to have prevented the violence and damage to the businesses but based on how quickly things escalated, that was really difficult. ; On Monday, Eugene Police sent out a request for assistance in identifying the suspects involved in the damage of a vehicle during a Sunday protest. The victim reported they were driving on West 8th Avenue at High Street when a woman blocked traffic by dancing in the middle of the street. When the traffic light turned green, the driver said they tried to slowly inch forward but that the woman jumped on their vehicle

and began pounding on it and damaging it. When witnesses tried to get the woman to stop damaging the vehicle, she spat in their faces. About the same time, the victim said a masked male suspect then used a baton or metal object to smash the rear window of the vehicle. Police shared screenshots from videos taken from the scene that showed the suspects and several hours later police said they were no longer seeking information from the public. ; Eugene Police yesterday released the names of 14 people who were arrested during protests and violence from Saturday night into early Sunday morning. They range in age from 20 to 49, although the majority—10 of the suspects—are in their 20s, two are in their 30s and two are in their 40s. Police say eight of those who were arrested have Eugene addresses and two are from Springfield. They say the remaining four either have unknown addresses or no address. Charges in the cases range from “Violations of an Emergency Order” and “Curfew Order Violations” to “Disorderly Conduct” and “Criminal Mischief.” One suspect was also had outstanding warrants for Assault, Hit-and-run, and Failure to Appear.

Saturday, May 30 Arrest Details: Keelee Violet Garia, age 20, of Springfield - Violation of Emergency Order; Samuel Joseph Yergler, age 34, of Eugene - Violation of Emergency Order; Donald Randy Stokes, age 49, of Eugene - Violation of Emergency Order. May 31, 2020, Arrest Details: Rowan Ivy Johnson, age 22, of Eugene - CH: Disorderly Conduct II & Criminal Mischief II; Jennifer Lea Woodruff, age 47, of Eugene CH: DC II; Josie Catlin Hill, age 29, of Eugene, CH: DC II; Derrick Bradley Hoffer, age 29, of Eugene, CH: 2 Warrants Assault/Hit and Run Failure to Appear; Seth Eugene Williams, age 24, city unknown, CH: Curfew Order Violation; Ruby Jude Jay-Mustofa, age 21, city unknown CH: Curfew Order Violation; Michael Ray Kellogg, age 20, of Eugene CH: Curfew Order Violation; Madeline Josie Cowen, age 24, of Eugene CH: Curfew Order Violation; Joshua Mcknight, age 30, of Springfield, CH: Curfew Order Violation; Miriam Valentine, age 22, city unknown, CH: Curfew Order Violation; Tyler Hendry, age 29, no address, CH: Curfew Order Violation. Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner said on Sunday that while most daytime protesters are peaceful, the protesters they have been seeing in the evenings and overnight, quote, “appear to be younger and excited about creating conflict.” ; There were no arrests on Friday night, but expect some in the future. Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner says investigators are reviewing photos and footage from the violent protest, developing leads, and building cases. Skinner says he did an initial survey of the damage on Friday night and returned on Saturday morning to speak with many of the business owners. He says most he spoke with were saddened and frustrated, but they understood why police were forced to make the decisions they did. He says Eugene police and other agencies were better prepared on Saturday and Sunday nights and were able to better protect businesses and other properties. Skinner says investigators have good video evidence from cameras in the businesses as well as from social media and from individuals. They identify or at least give police the ability to begin identifying some of those who took part in the vandalism and looting. Skinner says it may take several months or more to make arrests, where appropriate. He says the community expects the agency to hold people accountable and that is what will happen. ; Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner says there is always room to be better. He says that applies not just to how the agency responded to violent protests over the weekend, but how it hires and trains officers, and works with communities of color. Skinner says Eugene Police learned some key lessons over the weekend about how to prepare better, including through strategies and tactics, and how to communicate better with the community. ; Oregon Governor Kate Brown is among a number of U.S. governors resisting President Trump’s call to deploy National Guard soldiers to counter protests. Instead, Brown says 50 unarmed Oregon National Guard soldiers will deploy in a support role for the Portland Police. Portland has seen several nights of violent protests. The governor says rather than being on the front lines, making

arrests, or handling crowd control, the National Guard members will act as support personnel—caring for the injured, processing arrests, and directing traffic. Brown said the Oregon State Police was supplying 100 troopers to work alongside Portland Police officers on Monday night. During the three previous nights of protests, Portland Police have arrested at least 75 people. In a conference call with the nation's governors yesterday, the president said most of them were "weak" and demanded tougher crackdowns saying they needed to arrest and track people and put them in jail for ten years. Trump added that if governors fail to take action, he will deploy the United States military and "quickly solve the problem for them." Brown said having National Guard soldiers on the streets was the wrong way to go, saying, quote, "You don't defuse violence by putting soldiers on the streets," the Democrat said. "Trump wants governors to deploy the national guard to intimidate the public." The days of protests were triggered by the death of George Floyd, a black man who died when a white Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for several minutes. But while daytime events have been largely peaceful in several Oregon cities, including Eugene, they have turned violent at times at night as businesses have been vandalized and looted and unruly groups have blocked traffic and sometimes damaged vehicles. Governor Brown said yesterday, quote, "The killing of George Floyd is a stain on this country." She says the initial peaceful gatherings were, quote, "a cry for action. A call for reform. A community in mourning." She derided the smaller groups that at night broke windows and damages property, adding that senseless violence does not honor George Floyd's death or create accountability. Brown says only the hard work of racial justice will do that. / COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION, LOW-INCOME, HOUSING, NATIVE AMERICANS, SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY: Lane County Public Health officials yesterday announced nine new cases of COVID-19, seven of which were discovered while doing focused testing in the local Latino community. Five of those cases have been tied to a person who was diagnosed earlier. Contact tracers are working to determine the source of the other infections. The cases in the Latino community involve one person in their mid-20s, one in their mid-30s, four patients in their 40s and one in their early 50s. Across the country, health officials say Latinos are among those more vulnerable to the virus because they often work in lower-paying jobs, in the food-processing industries, and in places where physical distancing is difficult and working from home is not always possible. Lane County last week provided a pair of voluntary testing opportunities for the Latino community, part of an effort to get a better sense of the virus' spread. The other two cases announced yesterday include a person in their early 40s—who is hospitalized but is not on a ventilator—and a person in their early 70s who is stable at home. If contact tracers determine anyone had contact with the recently diagnosed patients, those community members will be contacted by Lane County Public Health so they can work with their health care providers on next steps. If a public contact exposure point is identified that information will be shared with the public. Lane County has had 77 cases since the pandemic began—76 confirmed and one presumptive. Sixty-four of those people have recovered. One is hospitalized. Six people are being monitored as they rest at home. There were three earlier deaths. At least 11,356 people have been tested in Lane County. Yesterday, public health officials offered more detail on the most recent death: A 62-year-old man from the rural Lane County who died on May 4. Officials say the man had multiple preexisting conditions and initially tested positive for COVID-19 during a screening using a rapid test. But a second lab-confirmed PCR test was negative for the virus. As a result, the man's death was not initially attributed to COVID-19 but was later reviewed by specialists with the Oregon Health Authority who determined the death was COVID-19 related. ; The Oregon Health Authority yesterday announced another death from COVID-19—a 59-year-old man in Marion County. That brings the state's death toll to 154.

Officials announced 59 new confirmed and presumptive cases. The number of Oregon cases now stands at 4,302. There are currently 108 patients hospitalized statewide. Thirty-two are being treated in intensive-care units and 17 of those are on ventilators. Close to 131,000 Oregonians have been tested for the virus. ; Since the pandemic settled across the U.S. and governors implemented “Stay Home” orders, Americans have been baking. A lot. One company, Bob’s Red Mill, saw a staggering increase in demand for its wheat flours, grain products and other baking essentials and rushed to ramp up production. But it sounds like the effort to keep the country supplied with baked goods is exacting a toll on the Oregon company. The Oregonian and OregonLive report nine production facility workers at Bob’s Red Mill have tested positive for COVID-19, Reporter Celina Tebor writes that the company’s CEO confirmed the outbreak in a statement released yesterday. Officials with the Milwaukie, Oregon-based company say the workers who tested positive were sent home on paid leave. Other employees who might have been exposed were sent home to quarantine. Since late April, close to 300 COVID-19 cases have been linked to several agricultural or food processing workplaces in Oregon or Southwest Washington. On Friday, Oregon Governor Kate Brown issued a number of executive orders aimed at halting the spread of the coronavirus in food-related industries and allocated \$30 million to help farm workers and agricultural producers. The money will help pay for agricultural workforce housing, field sanitation, employer-provided transportation, and more. As essential workers needed to keep the food supply chain intact, agricultural workers often work and sometimes live in close quarters. As the summer harvest season in Oregon begins to peak, more agricultural workers will be harvesting crops. Workers at facilities that process vegetables, fruits, and grains often stand close together on production lines, making them susceptible to catching COVID-19. In late May, officials distributed personal protective equipment to agricultural workers across the state, including here in Lane County. The largest known workplace outbreak in Oregon, outside of the healthcare industry, is linked to Townsend Farms, with more than 100 coronavirus cases at its two Portland area facilities. Oregon regulators cited National Frozen Foods in Albany in early May and levied a \$2,000 fine for failing to adopt practices to enable workers to stay at least six feet apart from one-another. Firestone Pacific Foods, a Vancouver, Washington, fruit processing company that has been linked to 119 COVID-19 cases, suspended production on May 18 and is beginning to reopen. ; Pent-up demand for services from the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles led to jammed phone lines Monday morning. In just one hour, the system received more than 18,000 calls. The DMV typically fields only 8,000 calls per day. It came as many local DMV offices are preparing to begin in-person appointments for some services on Wednesday. Yesterday was the first day they accepted calls to book those appointments and the response was overwhelming. What to do? Oregon Department of Transportation officials say they are rolling out a webpage for scheduling those appointments. It should be available later this afternoon or first thing Wednesday morning at www.OregonDMV.com When you click to schedule an appointment, you will be asked a short series of questions to determine whether you can do your business online or need an in-person visit. If you qualify for an in-person appointment, you will be prompted to fill out a form with your name and contact information. A DMV agent will contact you to schedule your visit and inform you of physical distancing guidelines. But remember, once you submit your online form it still will take some time for the DMV to respond because so many others are seeking appointment times. Department of Motor Vehicles officials apologize for the delays. They say there is enough of a backlog it could take months to catch up. But they remind you that the law enforcement grace period for expired licenses, permits, and registration is still in effect and will be until they have caught up on the backlog. When limited in-person appointments begin on Wednesday, available services will include: Driver

licensing and ID cards – originals, renewals and replacements, including passenger car and commercial licenses, and instruction permits; Driver knowledge tests; Driving privilege reinstatements with a license issuance; Disabled parking placards; VIN inspections for new-to-Oregon vehicles previously titled elsewhere; Farm endorsements. For information on available online services, go to DMV2U.Oregon.gov or get forms and a mailing address at OregonDMV.com ; lane County is preparing to distribute \$930,000 in state renter relief money. Starting Wednesday, June 3, at 10:00 a.m., the county begins accepting applications. You may go to a Lane County webpage to you determine whether you are eligible at www.lanecounty.org/rent Eligible households will be served on a first-come, first-served basis for expenses incurred from April 1 of this year to now. To be eligible for rent relief, the applicant's dwelling unit must be in Lane County and there must be an active rental agreement or lease in the applicant's name. The applicant must be able to document: A loss of income as a direct result of COVID-19; --OR-- have compromised health status or an elevated risk of infection and vulnerability to impacts to health as related to COVID-19 and that a loss of housing would cause a health jeopardy related to COVID-19 for the applicant. The applicant's household income must be at or below 50 percent of the Area Median Income Level (AMI). Rent assistance can be used for rent payments and arrearages, manufactured home rental space ("lot rents"), housing relocation assistance and more. Application Process: Applicants will complete the eligibility pre-screening application online at www.lanecounty.org/rent or by calling an access center to request alternative options (i.e. mailed paper copy or phone screening). Lane County Human Services Division will determine presumptive eligibility. If determined presumptively eligible, applications will be forwarded to the access agency requested by the applicant. The access agency will follow up with the applicant, provide a full application, process the application, and distribute funds directly to landlords and/or utility companies for households determined to be fully eligible. Applicants will need to provide documentation with their applications, including government-issued identification, income documentation, housing status documentation and, if needed, health status documentation. Applicants will also be asked to provide a written notice from their landlords showing their unpaid rent balance. The full list of needed documentation is available on the application webpage at www.lanecounty.org/rent The money comes from the State of Oregon's COVID-19 Rent Relief Program. ; Oregon's U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden announced Monday that \$1.2 million in grants will be distributed to two Western Oregon tribal confederations to help pay for critical housing improvement and a number of repairs and upgrades. The Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians will use their portion of the funding to rehabilitate 19 Tribal Housing units to make the restrooms more accessible to older residents, replace roofing and windows, and install energy efficiency upgrades and heatless duct pumps. The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde's portion of the grant will pay for construction of a 2,000 square foot domestic violence prevention and treatment space at their Community Service Center. The new space will include four offices, an interview room, child room, group room, and bathrooms. The funding is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under the Indian Community Development Block Grant program. ; ; The Thurston High School Class of 2020 Seniors are celebrating their graduation on Sunday with a "Senior Stampede." The parade begins at 3:00 p.m. from the south parking lot at Thurston High School with a police escort. The Senior Stampede then heads north on 58th Street; east on Thurston Road; south on 69th Street; then west on Main Street and back to the school. Most seniors are being driven by family so they can wave to friends and neighbors. Those along the route are encouraged to bring bells, signs and horns to show your support for these terrific young people. / SAFETY: Investigators are working to determine the cause of a house fire in Yoncalla that

claimed the life of a 14-year-old girl. The blaze was reported late yesterday morning and crews learned the teen was unaccounted for and might be inside the structure. The victim, Gracey Weinhold, was unresponsive when she was located and removed from the home and rushed to a hospital where she was declared deceased. /

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RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING, SAFETY, COMMUNITY, BUSINESS: A largely peaceful evening overnight in Eugene with no curfew imposed for the first time since Friday. There was one major protest and march, which Eugene Police said was well-organized and managed. It began shortly before 5 p.m. with about two dozen people taking part in a protest at 8th and Mill. The gathering grew quickly, with 250 on hand by 5:15 p.m. Police say participants remained on the sidewalks and obeyed traffic signals. As people walked throughout the downtown area, the crowd picked up more marchers and by the time it reached the Federal Courthouse for a planned event, the crowd was estimated at more than 1,200. Attendees heard from speakers, then an estimated 500-600 people marched along East Broadway and Franklin Boulevard to the University of Oregon Police Department, then back along Franklin. Police say some marchers were on the roadway during their return walk but did not prompt any safety or property concerns. The march ended at Kesey Square with drumming and dancing. Shortly before 11:30 last night, about 100 people remained at Kesey Square. ; In a normal year, the non-profit group SOLVE is coordinating Oregon's spring and autumn beach cleanups, as well as similar efforts along popular rivers and lakes. But this is no ordinary year. And yesterday, SOLVE partnered with Starbucks in Portland on a project unlike any it's ever managed: The clean-up of damage caused by violent agitators in Portland's downtown. Hundreds of volunteers showed up, signing up less than 24 hours before the cleanup began. The close to 300 volunteers swept up broken glass from storefronts near Pioneer Square and collected more than 800 pounds of trash—about 160 heavy-duty trash bags. It wasn't all from the violent nighttime activity—some picked up litter on nearby streets. And many said they're interested in taking part in future clean-up events, although they hope they'll be more traditional activities rather than cleaning up after vandals and looters. / COVID-19: GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, ECONOMY, HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION, RECREATION, COMMUNITY, EDUCATION, SCHOOLS: Lane County is one of 26 Oregon counties waiting for word from the governor and state health officials on whether it will be able to enter "Phase Two" reopening of its economy as early as Friday. Later this morning, Governor Kate Brown and state health officials are expected to announce which counties have qualified and reveal additional information about the Phase Two guidelines. Lane County and others that received permission to partially reopen on May 15 needed to wait 21 days before applying to enter Phase Two. Phase Two allows larger public gatherings and fewer restrictions on the number of people allowed in many businesses. Visitors also would be allowed into nursing homes and prisons, with some physical distancing and other health restrictions. To expand to a Phase Two reopening, counties must continue to maintain strong health systems with good levels of virus testing; contact tracing for people who become infected; an

adequate supply of personal protective gear for front-line medical workers; and isolation facilities set aside up for homeless residents who have no way to observe a quarantine order. Lane County's proposal, which was submitted to the governor last week, emphasizes that county leaders and health officials are continuing to work closely with their local partners. Lane County officials continue asking everyone to practice physical distancing and wear cloth face shields or masks in public when safe distancing is not possible. They caution that even if Phase two reopening is approved, an abrupt increase in infections could bring the return of some restrictions. ; No new cases announced yesterday in Lane County. We have had 77 cases since the pandemic began—76 confirmed and one presumptive. Sixty-four of those people have recovered. One is hospitalized. Nine people are being monitored as they rest at home. There were three earlier deaths. At least 11,614 people have been tested in Lane County. ; The Oregon Health Authority yesterday announced three more deaths from COVID-19. That brings the state's death toll to 157. The victims included two Multnomah County patients—a 36-year-old woman and a 66-year-old woman—and an 81-year-old woman in Washington County. All had underlying health conditions. Officials also announced 33 new confirmed and presumptive cases. The number of Oregon coronavirus cases stands at 4,335. There are 102 patients with confirmed or presumptive cases of COVID-19 hospitalized statewide. Twenty-nine are being treated in intensive-care units and 15 of those are on ventilators. Close to 134,000 Oregonians have been tested for the virus. ; That new online form to request an appointment at a local Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles office is now available at [OregonDMV.com](https://www.oregondmv.com). Using the form, DMV will set appointments for the following services: Driver licensing and ID cards – originals, renewals, and replacements, including passenger car and commercial licenses, and instruction permits; Driver knowledge tests; Driving privilege reinstatements with a license issuance; Disabled parking placards; VIN inspections for new-to-Oregon vehicles previously titled elsewhere; and Farm endorsements. DMV officials say they cannot offer drive tests at this time due to physical distancing restrictions, and don't know when they will be able to resume offering them. But they note there are private testing businesses and Driver Education providers that administer driver skills tests. Oregon DMV officials apologize for the long wait, especially for new teen drivers in the traditional busy summer season. Pent-up demand for services jammed the reservations phone lines on Monday, prompting the launch of the new online reservations tool. For information on available online services, go to [DMV2U.Oregon.gov](https://dmv2u.oregon.gov) or get forms and a mailing address at [OregonDMV.com](https://www.oregondmv.com) ; These are challenging times for Oregon State Parks: Staff are working to restore services and reopen popular state parks campgrounds while grappling with deep layoffs because of this spring's big drop in revenues. Unlike many state agencies, Oregon State Parks do not receive any General Fund tax money: They are funded primarily by park visitors who pay day-use and camping fees, through a share of recreational vehicle registrations, and with a portion of proceeds from the Oregon Lottery. But the state park system was closed for two months and only recently began reopening some day-use sites for access. Limited camping services are just beginning. At the same time, Oregon Lottery revenues are down an estimated 30 percent during the pandemic. Add it all up, and Oregon State Parks officials say they are facing an estimated \$22 million dollar budget gap over the next 13 months. Officials began taking steps during the early stages of the closures. They froze hiring, curtailed spending and postponed large improvement and repair projects. Forty-seven employees are being laid off by the end of this month. Much of the state parks workforce is hired seasonally and of the 415 positions budgeted, only 77 had been hired when the system closed in March. Officials say a few others will be added, but some seasonal staff may be hired on a case-by-case basis to flesh out skeleton crews. Some camping has resumed at smaller parks and more will begin June 9. But typical services

such as trash collection, restrooms, and showers are limited, both because of the expense and the limited staff available to handle maintenance and cleaning. There are also fewer landscape maintenance and cleanup workers, which posed a challenge after severe thunderstorms last weekend in Central Oregon damaged some sites. Parks managers are asking you to treat all state park properties gently, using as little water and power as necessary, and packing out your trash. With reduced staff, services, and health considerations, new campground reservations are being accepted just one day to two weeks in advance, rather than the usual one day to 9 months in advance. Not all sites are available. Many were reserved before the system closed. No walk-in or "first-come, first-served" camping is available on the coast until further notice. For more information visit <https://stateparks.oregon.gov> and make camping reservations at <https://oregonstateparks.reserveamerica.com/> and by phone at 800-452-5687, beginning today (June 3) at noon. ; The Eugene Family YMCA reopens today with physical distancing changes in place. It is another indication of how things have changed during the pandemic and how businesses such as gyms and training facilities have altered their operations. The popular community health and fitness facility will open only to members at first and access will be by reservation: Those reservations are available in one-hour blocks with a maximum time of two hours. Limited services are available, including cardio and strength training in the Health & Wellness Center and the gym; stretching and floor workout space in the gym; and singles play in the Tennis Center. To limit access, a one-way entry will be off the "van lot" at the facility's northwest corner. Members will need to sign a COVID-19 Waiver of Claims and Code of Conduct when they arrive. The staff will take your temperature with a touchless thermometer when you arrive and ask you to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before entering and exiting the building. While masks are not required during workouts, they will be required at check-in and when walking through the facility. There will be no day-use lockers, access to locker rooms, showers, saunas, steam rooms or the aquatics area. Water fountains are not in use. And with no towels being distributed, members will need to bring their own towels. Equipment must be wiped down before and after use and there will be fewer pieces on the floor. To promote air circulation, doors and windows will be open. ; Personal firewood permit sales have restarted on the Willamette National Forest but you will need to purchase those and other special forest product permits by phone or by mail. Special forest products include firewood and mushroom permits both for individual use and commercial use. Customers will be able to purchase permits via credit card by calling districts Monday-Wednesday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Permits and maps will be mailed within 5-7 business days. Contact your district office to confirm permit availability, as offerings vary by district based on the availability of wood, and the type of permit. Firewood permits, for example, are generally available year-round. But snow levels or high fire danger might affect the availability of firewood and other special forest permits. The Detroit, Sweet Home, McKenzie River, and Middle Fork district offices are participating in the program. The Springfield Interagency Office is NOT selling permits at this time. While harvesting, Willamette National Forest officials ask that you do your part to protect the forest: Tread lightly while searching for forest products; Harvest products in a caring and ecologically sound way; Follow the terms and conditions on your permit; Keep safety and potential hazards in mind when parking your vehicle or harvesting products; Remember that harvesting is prohibited in Botanical Areas, Research Natural Areas, Scenic Areas, and Wilderness Areas; Harvesting rare, threatened, or endangered plant or fungi species is illegal. Visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/willamette/passes-permits/forestproducts> to learn more about special forest products permits. / RECREATION: You've been waiting, and it is finally happening. One of Lane County's most popular boat ramps starts getting an upgrade this month. The Hendricks Bridge boat ramp will see major improvements this summer thanks to a

partnership with the Oregon State Marine Board and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The current boat ramp has deteriorated and there is now a steep drop-off at the end of the ramp, which can damage boat trailers. The alignment of the boat ramp also creates strong currents across the ramp, which makes it difficult to launch and retrieve boats. The improvements will reconstruct and realign the boat ramp, as well as expand the parking area to reduce congestion and increase maneuverability. The construction work is extensive and will require closure of the park and boat ramp beginning Monday, June 8. Work should conclude by October 1. The project cost is \$858,000 with the bulk of the funding coming from the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Sportfish Restoration Fund and the Oregon State Marine Board. While work is underway, alternate boat ramps include Bellinger and Hayden Bridge. Hendricks Bridge boat ramp is located on the McKenzie River below Leaburg Dam. It is part of the larger 18-acre Hendricks Bridge Park east of Springfield on Highway 126 at 38870 Hendricks Park Road, near Waltherville. The ramp typically averages 8,000 users per year; however, those numbers have decreased as the ramp has deteriorated. This section of river is popular with anglers, as well as floaters and paddlers and offers two popular river runs: Leaburg Dam to Hendricks Bridge, and Hendricks Bridge to Hayden Bridge. ; The company that administers the SAT college entrance exam is scrapping plans to provide a home version of the test this year, saying it can't guarantee all students would have access to the needed technology. The College Board announced yesterday that it's pausing plans for the remote exam but still hopes to make it possible in the future. The company says taking the test at home would require three hours of uninterrupted internet access. Officials in April said they were creating a home exam in case schools remained closed into the fall due to the coronavirus pandemic. Instead of offering the test on paper under a proctor's supervision, the company said it would rely on "remote proctoring" using the computer's camera and microphone. Instead, the College Board said that it's working to expand the availability of the SAT at in-person test centers this fall, and it's asking colleges to be more flexible with testing requirements. / CRIME: The teen who killed his foster mother and two sisters nearly three years ago in rural Douglas County was convicted of murder and sentenced to 60 years in prison Tuesday -- a sentence the prosecutor called "largely symbolic" because the young man will be eligible for parole in about 12 years. Kevin Adams was 16 and a junior at Roseburg High School when he used his foster father's .22 caliber Ruger handgun to kill Donya Adams, 55, Amory Adams, 26, and Payshience "Tia" Adams, 10. The Oregonian and OregonLive report his was the latest high-profile case involving a violent juvenile offender to reach sentencing since the passage last year of Oregon's landmark juvenile justice law. The law aimed to keep juveniles accused of serious crimes out of adult court and in the juvenile system, where the sentences are shorter and the focus is on rehabilitation. In his plea deal with Douglas County prosecutors, Adams, now 18, agreed to be prosecuted as an adult. In a Douglas County courtroom packed with the victims' family and friends, Adams was convicted of three counts of first-degree murder. Prosecutors said Adams will likely start his sentence in the custody of the Oregon Youth Authority, then will be transferred to the Oregon Department of Corrections when he turns 25. Under Oregon's new juvenile justice law, he will be eligible for parole in about 12 years. ; A Florida man pleaded guilty yesterday in Eugene federal court for falsely claiming to represent the musical group The Village People and swindling \$12,500 from an Oregon casino through a bogus booking. 67-year-old Howard Harlib was sentenced to time served in federal prison and three years' supervised release. Harlib has been in state custody in Florida since 2016 after being convicted of unrelated charges. U.S. District Court Judge Ann Aiken also ordered Harlib to pay \$12,500 in restitution to the Coquille Indian Tribe. According to court documents, in August of 2015, Harlib sent a flier to managers of The Mill Casino, owned and operated by

the Coquille tribe, advertising the opportunity to book The Village People for a show. Casino employees contacted Harlib, who spoke with them about dates, pricing, and other matters involved in the booking. The same day, Harlib sent the casino a brochure with information about his company, Premier Entertainment. Harlib claimed the band had a show in Las Vegas, Nevada the night before one of the dates discussed with the casino and, therefore, traveling to North Bend would not be an issue. Later, Harlib emailed the casino an artistic engagement contract, which the casino signed and returned to Harlib with a check for \$12,500. Harlib cashed the check two days later. In January 2016, the casino discovered that The Village People were scheduled to appear in Florida the same day they were booked to play in North Bend. After having difficulty reaching Harlib, the casino contacted another representative of the band. The representative confirmed that Harlib did not have any association with the band. Harlib later admitted he had no authority to book the band. Prosecutors say Harlib's history of frauds and swindles dates back decades, to at least 1992. In 2004, he was convicted of third-degree grand theft in Florida for the same exact scheme: contracting with two victims to have The Temptations, The Supremes, and Jimmie Walker perform at their venues. After spending five years in prison for that conviction, Harlib spent another five years in prison for impersonating a doctor and possessing a variety of prescription medications. On April 29, 2019, Harlib was charged by federal criminal information with one count of wire fraud. He pleaded guilty today to the same charge. / SAFETY: Crews yesterday continued their search for Ian Spalding, a 17-year-old junior at North Bend High School, who slipped while climbing on rocks on the coast and fell into the ocean on Sunday. Spalding was North Bend's starting quarterback and the school's starting baseball catcher. According to witnesses, he was climbing at Norton Gulch on Sunday evening when he slipped and fell. A reporter with The Oregonian and OregonLive spoke to North Bend football coach Gary Prince, who said as many as 75 North Bend students participated in the search for Spalding's body Sunday night and Monday. The school has provided counselors to talk to students the past two days. Spalding's father, Mike, is one of North Bend's assistant football coaches. / TRANSPORTATION, ELDERS, DISABILITIES: Some enhanced funding for Lane Transit districts' RideSource program, which provides services to older adults and people with disabilities. Oregon Congressman Peter DeFazio, who chairs the House Transportation Committee, says \$76,000 in grant funding for the paratransit service will pay for improvements in the RideSource call center software. Among the expected updates: Advance trip notifications to remind customers of scheduled rides and allow cancellation in advance; same-day trip booking through Transportation Network Companies; creation of an online customer portal to allow 24/7 online booking; creation of a single application to provide dispatch and drivers with enhanced real-time information; and improved coordination with medical and living facilities to better manage transportation for their clients. Lane County's population is reliant on transit and paratransit services with 17 percent of residents identified as having a disability. Additionally, Lane County's population is disproportionately older, with 25 percent of the population aged 60 and above. Further, approximately 20 percent of residents in Lane County live below poverty level, which is more than the state of Oregon as a whole, and the nation. / HEALTH, SAFETY: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is alerting patients, caregivers, and health care professionals to immediately inspect certain lots of Amneal and Impax epinephrine auto-injectors. It comes after the discovery that on some auto-injectors, the yellow "stop collar" in the device is missing. Without the yellow "stop collar" component, the device has a potential safety risk: It might deliver a double dose of epinephrine to a patient. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, MILITARY, HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION, LOW-INCOME, FAMILIES, HOUSING, SAFETY, RECREATION: Just traded some emails with Lane County Public Health officials and it sounds like county officials might not learn until sometime this evening whether we've been cleared for Phase Two reopening. The Oregon Health Authority is evaluating data from Lane and the 28 other counties that have submitted letters asking to move into Phase Two reopening status. State officials have asked Lane County for a clarification and updates on a few infection and testing numbers. The state is setting some strict standards for individual counties for diagnosis, infection tracing and testing for the coronavirus if they are to continue easing restrictions on various types of businesses and gatherings. But counties have been told that there will be additional considerations that might offset some numbers that just miss the marks, including the strength of the local medical system and government health care infrastructures. ; Lane County and 28 other Oregon counties learn later this morning whether they've qualified for Phase Two reopening of their economies. Yesterday, state health officials continued to review the applications to see whether each county is meeting guidelines for containing the spread of the coronavirus and quickly tracking the source of new infections. And Governor Kate Brown revealed details of what restrictions will be loosened under Phase Two. They include: Restrictions on indoor gatherings, including religious services, would be relaxed to allow physically distanced groups of 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors. Currently, gatherings are limited to 25 people. Gatherings at indoor and outdoor entertainment facilities, venues and events, restaurants and bars, and fitness organizations would be capped at 250 people, including any staff, if they have the square footage and already-approved occupancy. That's good news for people planning weddings, or those wishing to have family and friends on-hand to mourn at funerals and memorials. There would be requirements for added signage, perhaps single-direction entries and exits, added handwashing stations and increased ventilation. The easing of restrictions on restaurants and bars would allow them to stay open until midnight, rather than the current 10 p.m. The six-foot physical distancing rule would remain in place for dining tables and dining groups continue to be limited to 10 people or fewer. But establishments would be able to seat people in adjacent booths, provided restaurants and bars install plexiglass or some other "non-permeable physical barrier" that rises at least one foot above diners heads and extends for the width of the booth. Counter seating would be allowed with similar physical barriers in place, but patrons still would not be able to sit at the bar. More indoor and outdoor entertainment facilities would be allowed to reopen, including movie theaters, museums, outdoor gardens, and zoos, as well as many recreational sports businesses. Again, activities would be

limited to parties of ten or fewer. Business play areas, ball pits and playgrounds will remain closed and contact sports will not be allowed. But places like pickleball and tennis courts would reopen, with limitations. Swimming pools, spas and sports courts would get the okay to reopen with physical distancing in place. That might mean limiting the number of people visiting a pool or a sports court and changing the layout on pool decks. If a pool allows lap swims, only one swimmer would be allowed per lane. If locker rooms are used, there will be limits on how many people may use showers, changing rooms, and restrooms at any time, with the square footage of a locker room being used to determine maximum occupancy. And because they're suddenly returning to popularity, there is added guidance for drive-in movie theatres, including limits on the numbers of vehicles based on the size of the site, how parking spots would be laid out to create physical distancing, hourly cleaning of restrooms, and rules on how food and dining areas must be configured if food and beverages are offered. Some good news for fans of college sports: The governor says college athletes will be allowed to return to training by mid-June. That is critical for fall sports, including University of Oregon and Oregon State football. Athletic officials want to ensure the Ducks and Beavers begin practice at about the same time as their Pac-12 counterparts and non-conference opponents. There will be COVID-19 tests and regular screenings in place for athletes, coaches, and athletic staff. And practices may involve less physical contact in the early going. Those guidelines are still being developed by the schools. An easing of Phase Two restrictions might once again allow visitors at nursing homes and correctional facilities, with physical distancing and other health restrictions in place. That guidance is being finalized by state officials. And while state health restrictions will ease and no longer require people to work from home when physical distancing is not possible, the governor continues to strongly recommend remote work or "telework" to prevent workplace infections. Once a county receives its Phase Two approval, the new guidelines likely will remain in place through the summer and fall. State Epidemiologist Dean Sidelinger says he does not anticipate the state moving into Phase Three until after a COVID-19 vaccine is developed and distributed, or there is some other major development on the health front. In the meantime, Lane County officials continue asking everyone to practice physical distancing and wear cloth face shields or masks in public when safe distancing is not possible. They add that even if our Phase Two reopening is approved, an abrupt increase in infections could bring the return of some restrictions. ; Officials say a two-week push to eliminate the state's backlog of an estimated 38,000 jobless claims is beginning to pay off. David Gerstenfeld, the interim head of the Oregon Employment Department, told reporters yesterday that claims specialists already have trimmed the backlog below 28,000 to get money to people who filed in some cases months ago. When the pandemic hit, the employment department was quickly overwhelmed as more than 460,000 Oregonians filed for jobless benefits since mid-March and the state's unemployment rate spiked to an all-time high, 14.2 percent. Gerstenfeld says the department has processed 93 percent of all initial jobless claims and paid out more than \$1.5 (b)illion in benefits. The Employment Department, which had slightly more than 100 claims specialists in mid-March, now has more than 700 on the job and is hiring more. The push to clear the backlog, which is being called "Project Focus 100," shifts many experienced claims specialists to the task of reviewing and approving benefits. There's also a push to cut extremely long call waiting times, which averaged 172 minutes—just shy of three hours—late last week. Officials say they've trimmed the average by more than an hour and update the system to reduce the number of accidentally disconnected calls. ; Might some members of the Oregon National Guard be brought in to assist with clearing the state's backlog of unemployment benefits claims? The interim head of the Oregon Employment Department says it's a possibility, although he stressed the discussions are still in an early stage.

David Gerstenfeld told reporters yesterday during a media briefing that he's exploring it and the Oregon Military Department is receptive to the idea. It's not that wild a concept: Many Guard members who deploy overseas or to disaster zones here in the U.S. do so in an administrative or logistical capacity. Gerstenfeld says employment department officials would be interested in using the National Guard members to make outgoing calls to contacting workers with pending claims and helping them understand their claims status. ; Nearly 1.9 million people applied for U.S. unemployment benefits last week, the ninth straight decline since applications spiked in mid-March, and a sign that the gradual reopening of businesses has slowed the loss of jobs. It comes as at least some companies are calling their former employees back to work. In addition to the laid-off employees who applied for benefits last week, 623,000 others sought jobless aid under a new program for self-employed and gig workers, who now qualify for unemployment benefits for the first time. The figures come one day before the government's jobs report for May is expected to show that employers slashed 8 million jobs last month and that the unemployment rate jumped from 14.7 percent to 19.8 percent. If those forecasts prove accurate, it would mean that nearly 30 million people have lost jobs since the viral outbreak intensified in March and that joblessness has reached its highest point since the Great Depression. Since mid-March, 42.7 million people have applied for unemployment benefits. Not all of them are still unemployed, though. Some have since been rehired. And some laid-off people, it turns out, filed duplicate applications for benefits as they struggled with unresponsive state unemployment systems. The total number of people who are now receiving jobless aid stands at 21.5 million, suggesting that rehiring is offsetting some of the ongoing layoffs. This morning's report was not affected by the recent protests over the killing of George Floyd, which forced some major retailers and small businesses to close. But some economists warn that applications for unemployment aid could rise in next week's report, reflecting business closures amid the protests and scattered vandalism. Still, real-time private data on consumer behavior is showing signs that the economy is gradually reviving. Credit and debit card spending tracked by Chase Bank shows that consumer spending, though roughly flat last week, rebounded from its low point in mid-April, when it was 40 percent below year-ago levels. Now, it is down 20 percent from a year ago. Economists caution that most Americans will need to feel more confident about returning to their former habits of shopping, traveling and eating out before the economy can sustain any meaningful recovery. That will likely require the availability of a vaccine or a significant increase in testing. ; The U.S. Senate on Wednesday passed legislation to make it easier for businesses struggling during the coronavirus pandemic to take advantage of a payroll subsidy program that's been a central part of Washington, D.C.'s, response to the corresponding economic crisis. The Senate passed the House bill by voice vote after a handful of GOP opponents gave way. The measure heads to President Trump for his expected signature. The legislation would give business owners more flexibility to use taxpayer subsidies for other costs and extend the lifespan of the program as the economy continues to struggle through record joblessness and a deep recession. The legislation would lower an original requirement that at least 75 percent of Paycheck Protection Program money be used on payroll costs, reducing that threshold to 60 percent of the loan. It would also lengthen the period in which PPP money must be used—from eight week to 24 weeks—and still permit businesses to have their loans forgiven. Critics say the pending measure does nothing to ensure that businesses that don't necessarily need PPP subsidies are ineligible, among other problems. But the bill had strong support among both Republicans and Democrats and the backing of powerful business groups, which strengthened the hand of supporters. As enacted in late March, the Paycheck Protection Program required businesses to spend their loan money within an

eight-week window to get the loans forgiven — and effectively turned into outright grants. It also required that three-fourths of the money be spent on payroll as a means of keeping workers linked to their jobs. But small businesses said the rules were too inflexible, especially as the eight-week window to use the taxpayer subsidies is beginning to close for many businesses, many of which are still struggling to fully reopen. Restaurants in particular were upset that under the law were required to rehire their laid-off workers even though they were either closed or limited to takeout and delivery. Many other business owners feared that they would use up their loan money before being allowed to reopen, and then have to lay off employees again because their business wouldn't bring in enough revenue to keep paying everyone. By this bill extends to 24 weeks the time to spend the federal aid — instead of eight as originally designed — and extends the program through the end of the year while also lengthening the maturity date and deferral period of the loans. ; Two new COVID-19 cases were announced yesterday by Lane County Public Health officials. They include a person in their 40s whose infection was linked to an earlier case. They are recovering at home. And a child under the age of five has been diagnosed with the coronavirus. It is a case of household transmission, meaning they contracted it from someone in their home who was diagnosed earlier. In Lane County, we've had 79 cases since the pandemic began—78 confirmed and one presumptive. Sixty-four of those people have recovered. Two are hospitalized. Ten people are being monitored as they rest at home. There were three earlier deaths. At least 12,161 people have been tested in Lane County. ; The Oregon Health Authority yesterday announced two more deaths from COVID-19—men in their 60s from Multnomah and Clackamas Counties. That brings the state's death toll to 159. Officials also announced 65 new confirmed and presumptive cases. The number of Oregon coronavirus cases stands at 4,399. There are 112 patients with confirmed or presumptive cases of COVID-19 hospitalized statewide. Twenty-seven are being treated in intensive-care units and 10 of those are on ventilators. More than 136,500 Oregonians have been tested for the virus. ; State officials yesterday released their first report on the number of COVID-19 infections tied to workplaces. The total is 485, which includes not just workers but family and household members they might have infected. Many cases came as managers of worksites struggled to add physical distancing and other safety elements. Officials counted 19 outbreaks in businesses that employ 30 or more people and had at least five cases tied to the worksite. Close to one dozen of the outbreaks—affecting a total 229 people—are in the agricultural, food processing, and food packaging sectors. There were three in Oregon's adult and youth correctional institutions. The largest overall case numbers are the 167 cases tied to an outbreak at the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem that affected staff and inmates. Three of the outbreaks were in hospitals and medical centers, affecting some staff members and patients. Many were in the early weeks of the pandemic and led to tighter screening, intake, and isolation policies statewide. The list did not include nursing homes, where some staff members were sickened in outbreaks. State health officials have not offered a breakdown on those numbers. There have been six deaths associated with the workplace outbreaks. The report did not include outbreaks in businesses with fewer than 30 employees, so officials know the overall number of workplace-related infections is higher than the 485 listed in this week's report. ; The state's top health official says Oregon hasn't seen a coronavirus resurgence in the weeks since most counties began to reopen businesses. The director Oregon Health Authority, Patrick Allen, says it's a relief because there were fears people might begin ignoring physical distancing guidelines as restrictions on gatherings, businesses and recreation slowly eased. But Allen says that even though there are hundreds of new cases of COVID-19 being diagnosed in Oregon every week, the data indicates infection rates and hospitalizations are declining. Allen says many Oregonians continue to wear face coverings when physical distancing is not

possible. He says he thinks it's safe to say that Oregon's health situation is stable. ; For the first time since late March, Lane Transit District is resuming regular Sunday bus service beginning this Sunday, June 7. Passengers are asked to make only essential trips via the bus, wear coverings over their nose and mouth, and visit www.LTD.org to view the Sunday schedule. In addition, LTD's paratransit service, RideSource, is adding back Sunday service for essential trips only. Sunday bus service was suspended on March 29 amid the pandemic. This weekend's resumption means Lane Transit is back to operating seven days per week for passengers who need to make essential trips to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and to jobs. Amid severely reduced ridership, LTD continues its adjusted schedules on EmX and many routes. There currently is no bus service until further notice on Routes 27, 33, 55, 73, 78, 79x, 81, 82, and 85. Updated bus schedule information can be found online at LTD.org/Service-Alerts, or by calling LTD Customer Service at 541-687-5555. Rider reminders: All LTD passengers must enter and exit the bus through the rear doors unless they are elderly or require use of the ramp at the front door. Riding the bus is free. No fares are charged until further notice. Passengers are required to cover their nose and mouth with a mask, bandana, or other covering, as are all LTD employees while operating buses or on LTD property. Based on physical distancing requirements, LTD is limiting capacity on its 40-foot buses to 20 passengers and on its 60-foot buses to 30 passengers. They normally carry 50 and 80 passengers, respectively. LTD employees continue to take steps to clean buses as they stop at the Eugene and Springfield stations. All buses are cleaned nightly. All LTD employees have their temperatures taken when they report for work. Those with above-normal temperatures are sent home. Watch for updates at <https://www.ltd.org/> and <https://www.ltd.org/service-alerts/> ; Amid concerns that patients are postponing essential health care amid the pandemic, members of the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems say they have launched a new campaign. The effort, dubbed "Your Care Continues," reminds Oregonians that it is safe to access checkups, screenings, treatments, surgeries, specialty care, pharmacy services, telehealth options, and emergency services. Oregon clinicians and other health care professionals are among those who are taking part, to reassure you that hospitals and clinics have added additional safety precautions for patients and staff, and that avoiding needed procedures and exams can result in serious health consequences. According to a recent Kaiser Family Foundation survey, 48 percent of respondents said they have skipped or postponed medical care because of COVID-19. "There is no reason to put your health at risk in other ways in an attempt to avoid catching COVID," said Heather Wall, Chief Nursing Officer at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart at Riverbend. Hospitals have put in place several extra safety measures including temperature checks at the entrance, masks, visitor restrictions and more. "People are delaying checkups and vital care because they fear hospitals are either unsafe or overwhelmed. Neither of those things are true here in Oregon," said Becky Hultberg, President and CEO. "We want Oregonians to continue to embrace a culture of wellness and prevention, and that means maintaining health through continued care. Small issues when ignored can become life-threatening. Oregon's hospitals and clinics are safe, open, and ready to take care of you, with extra safety precautions." ; New energy assistance funding is available to Lane County residents who are struggling to pay their utility and heating bills. U.S. Health and Human Services has made \$575,000 available to local low-income households through LP20 CARES, a new program that an offshoot of LIHEAP, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Households that have already received LIHEAP funding between October 1, 2019 and the present are encouraged to apply for LP20 CARES. LP20 funds are set aside for households that have been impacted by COVID-19, either financially or because of household health issues. The program provides qualifying households with a one-time payment toward their energy bill. It may be

applied to electricity, natural gas, home heating oil, propane, wood pellets and wood. To qualify, a household's current gross monthly income must be at or below 60 percent of Oregon's median income. A household of one person, for example, can have a gross monthly income as high as \$2,165. A household of four can have a gross monthly income of \$4,163. The amount of assistance depends on various factors. Qualifying households will receive a direct, one-time payment into a household's utility account that ranges between \$250-\$550. Households may place themselves on the waiting list for funding by contacting a partner agency below, or visiting www.lanecounty.org/LIHEAPCares starting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 8, to be placed on the waiting list. There are additional energy assistance programs available in Lane County that are offered by specific utility companies. Call your utility for information about those programs. ; Some good news for Oregon business owners: SAIF, the state's not-for-profit workers compensation insurance company, yesterday declared a \$100 million dividend for policyholders. They will receive the money in October. SAIF officials say the premium is the result of fewer workplace injuries and illnesses. The dividend will be based on premium for policies whose annual term ended in 2019. This is the eleventh year in a row SAIF has declared a dividend and the 23rd dividend in the past 30 years. More information will be available on www.saif.com in September. During the early days of the pandemic, SAIF created a \$25 million coronavirus worker safety fund, making more than 3,400 awards to businesses to cover some of the expenses associated with improving health, safety, and physical distancing. ; The travel and tourism industries were hit hard by "Stay Home" rules but businesses are beginning to reopen. At Travel Lane County / Eugene, Cascades & Coast, staff are maintaining a webpage providing updates and resources for businesses at <https://www.eugenecascadescoast.org/tourism-industry-news/post/covid-19-update-and-resources/> They're also welcoming back customers to local businesses and reminding them that reopening can be a slow process and asking you to for patience, respect, and thoughtfulness as the businesses restart their operations. More of us are staying close to home this summer, leading Travel Lane County / Eugene Cascades & Coast to launch is #LoveLane campaign. Plan your activities and outings here: <https://www.eugenecascadescoast.org/> ; State Parks Day is Saturday, June 6, and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is inviting you to visit your local state park for a day of free parking and—in some parts of Eastern Oregon—camping. Day-use parking is free June 6 at the 25 parks that charge a day-use fee. Overnight camping is free at all tent and RV sites in open state park campgrounds for stays over the night of June 6 at seven Eastern Oregon state parks: Goose Lake, south of Lakeview; Jackson Kimball, northwest of Chiloquin; Minam, north of La Grande; Hilgard Junction, near La Grande; Catherine Creek, near Union; Clyde Holliday, near John Day; and Cottonwood Canyon, southeast of The Dalles. Campers should expect reduced levels of service at the campgrounds, including fewer staff and limited access to facilities. Most state park campgrounds remain closed until June 9 while the agency's skeleton staff works to prepare the sites. But a few are currently open to first-come, first-served guests. More campgrounds could be added before June 6, please check online. State Parks Day began in 1997 and in past years featured guided hikes and other activities. This year, there are no scheduled activities because of the pandemic but you are encouraged to visit a state park and enjoy Oregon's outdoors. ; Fish for free in Oregon this weekend on Saturday and Sunday, June 6-7. The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife reminds you that no fishing licenses or tags (including a Combined Angling Tag or Columbia River Basin Endorsement or Two-Rod Validation) are required to fish, crab or clam in Oregon that weekend. Although no licenses or tags are required, all other fishing regulations apply including closures, bag limits and size restrictions. June's Free Fishing Weekend is usually a special one for ODFW staff and fishing

groups that host events all over the state, bringing all the gear newcomers need to try fishing. Unfortunately, due to concerns and restrictions related to COVID-19, ODFW is not hosting or sponsoring any events this year. A number of waterbodies are being stocked in advance of Free Fishing Weekend as in past years. (Due to concerns about crowding where fish are stocked, ODFW is not currently providing its trout stocking schedule or announcing which waterbodies are stocked.) Hatchery trout are a great fish for beginners and there are plenty of tips at MyODFW.com including a video series about how to fish for trout at <https://myodfw.com/articles/how-fish-trout>. Beginners can also consider warmwater fishing, which is a good opportunity during summer. Nonresidents can also fish for free June 6-7, but there are still special restrictions on the coast. Currently, clamming is closed to nonresidents coastwide. Crabbing is open to nonresidents along most of the Coast but is closed to nonresidents in the Columbia River and in ocean areas north of Cape Falcon (nonresidents may crab in bays and estuaries north of Cape Falcon e.g. Necanicum River estuary). Both residents and nonresidents should follow ongoing precautions in place due to the virus: Check for access before you go. Many spots have reopened to public access but some may still be closed. Remember even if fishing is open, the boat ramp or park where you want to go might be closed. ODFW does not control access to land or facilities it does not manage, so check with the land manager or facility owner where you want to go about what's open before you leave home. Stay home if you are sick. Stick close to home. Don't travel far to hunt, fish, clam, or crab. Be prepared. Restrooms and other facilities may be more limited. Bring your own soap, water, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, food, etc. Avoid crowds. Go someplace else if your destination looks crowded. Practice social distancing. Keep six feet between you and anyone who does not live in your immediate household, including while on a boat or at a fish cleaning station. Wash your hands often. Keep up on personal hygiene and bring your own water, soap, and hand sanitizer with you. Pack out what you pack in. Take any garbage with you, including disposable gloves and masks. If you are planning to crab or clam, remember to call the ODA Shellfish safety hotline at 1-800-448-2474 or check the Oregon Department of Agriculture's Recreational Shellfish page. The Oregon Department of Agriculture regularly tests shellfish and closes areas when naturally occurring biotoxins get to levels that make crabs and clams unsafe to eat. / RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING, SAFETY, CRIME: It was a second night without a curfew and another large, peaceful protest for racial justice in Eugene. Eugene Police say the gathering began around 6 p.m. with an estimated 75 people at the Federal Courthouse and grew to close 225 by the time participants began their march into South Eugene. Police briefly issued a traffic advisory to watch for pedestrians who might be in the roadway near 40th and Hilyard Streets. The marchers gradually moved along West Amazon Parkway and 29th Avenue, then down Willamette Street to the Lane County Jail. The group arrived outside the jail at about 9 p.m. and remained at the location for a couple of hours. Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner praised the organizers and the group's dynamics, saying he appreciates the safe manner in which they are conducting themselves. Police say there were no issues of concern observed during the protest and that members the crowd appeared to work to provide safety for the marchers. Members of the Eugene Police Traffic Safety Unit provides additional assistance on affected roadways. ; Governor Kate Brown this morning ordered all State of Oregon flags at Oregon public institutions to be flown at half-staff in honor of George Floyd, who died on May 25 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This only affects state, not U.S. flags. The guidance notes that state flags should be lowered to half-staff from 11:00 a.m. through sunset today, to mark Floyd's memorial service in Minnesota. Brown says the lowering of State of Oregon flags recognizes a profound loss of life, both of Floyd's and other black lives taken by unnecessary violence. At the same time, she says it is a reminder of the need to commit

ourselves and our country to fundamental change. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: BUSINESS, ECONOMY, HEALTH, SAFETY, CRIME, LOW-INCOME, HOUSING, RECREATION: Lane County, welcome to Phase Two. Lane is one of 26 Oregon counties approved for a further easing of restrictions as the officials work statewide to contain the spread of the coronavirus. Under Phase Two: Restrictions on indoor gatherings, including religious services, are relaxed to allow physically distanced groups of 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors. Previously, gatherings are limited to 25 people. The cap on gatherings at indoor and outdoor entertainment facilities, venues and events, restaurants and bars, and fitness organizations has been raised to 250 people, including any staff, provided the locations have adequate square footage. That's good news for people planning weddings, or those wishing to have family and friends on-hand to mourn at funerals and memorials. There are requirements for added signage, single-direction entries and exits if needed, added handwashing stations, and increased ventilation. Restaurants and bars are now allowed to stay open until midnight, rather than the current 10 p.m. The six-foot physical distancing rule remains in place for dining tables and dining groups continue to be limited to 10 people or fewer. But establishments may seat people in adjacent booths, provided restaurants and bars install plexiglass or some other "non-permeable physical barrier" that rises at least one foot above diners' heads and extends for the width of the booth. Counter seating is allowed with similar physical barriers in place, but patrons still are not be able to sit at the bar. More indoor and outdoor entertainment facilities are being allowed to reopen, including movie theaters, museums, outdoor gardens, and zoos, as well as many recreational sports businesses. Again, activities are limited to parties of ten or fewer. Business play areas, ball pits and playgrounds remain closed and contact sports are not allowed. But places like pickleball and tennis courts are reopening, with limitations. Swimming pools, spa pools and sports courts may reopen with physical distancing in place. That might mean limiting the number of people visiting a pool or a sports court and changing the layout on pool decks. If a pool allows lap swims, only one swimmer will be allowed per lane. If locker rooms are used, there are limits on how many people may use showers, changing rooms, and restrooms at any time, with the square footage of a locker room being used to determine maximum occupancy. And because they're suddenly returning to popularity, there is added guidance for drive-in movie theatres, including limits on the numbers of vehicles based on the size of the site, how parking spots must be laid out to create physical distancing, hourly cleaning of restrooms, and rules on how food and dining areas must be configured. College athletes will return to training by mid-June. That is critical for fall sports, including University of Oregon and Oregon State football and other sports. There will be COVID-19 tests and regular screenings in place for athletes, coaches, and athletic staff. Practices may

involve less physical contact in the early going. And while state health restrictions will ease and no longer require people to work from home when physical distancing is not possible, the governor continues to strongly recommend remote work or “telework.” To remain in a Phase Two reopening, counties must maintain strong health systems with good levels of testing, swift contact tracing to determine the source of any new infections, an adequate supply of personal protective gear for front-line medical workers, and isolation facilities set aside up for homeless residents who have no other way to observe a quarantine order. The new guidelines likely will remain in place through the summer and fall. State Epidemiologist Dean Sidelinger says he does not anticipate the state moving into Phase Three until after a vaccine or reliable treatment for COVID-19 is developed and distributed. In the meantime, Lane County officials continue asking everyone to practice physical distancing and wear cloth face shields or masks in public when safe distancing is not possible. They say an abrupt increase in infections could bring the return of some restrictions. ; Governor Kate Brown on Thursday approved 26 counties, including Lane County, to advance to Oregon’s Phase 2 reopening plan for their economies. Among other guidelines, the new rules expand the size of gatherings, loosen restaurant restrictions, and allow pools to open under certain limitations. Lane is joined by neighboring Benton, Linn, and Douglas Counties in today’s reopening, which allows for something of a regional easing of the rules. 10 other counties also advance to Phase 2 today. Coos and Yamhill are among 11 counties that join Phase 2 on Saturday. Tillamook County begins phase 2 Monday. The governor’s office said requests from three counties - - Deschutes, Jefferson, and Umatilla – are under further review. Six other counties – Marion, Polk, Lincoln, Hood River, Clackamas, and Washington – have not yet applied for Phase 2. Oregon’s largest county, Multnomah, remains in the baseline phase. However, county officials said they plan to submit their application for Phase 1 later today. To enter Phase 2, counties must meet Oregon’s safety and preparedness prerequisites for reopening and have been in the initial phase for at least 21 days. Under the new phase, gatherings may increase from 25 people to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors. Recreational non-contact sports begin again. In addition, collegiate athletes will return to training by mid-June. Restaurants, which are currently required to close at 10 p.m., may remain open until 12 a.m. Statewide, zoos, museums and outdoor gardens are being allowed to open statewide. The governor is also shifting from requiring people to work remotely to “strongly recommending” it. ; Another new COVID-19 case was announced late yesterday by Lane County Public Health officials. The patient is a person in their 40s who contracted the virus from a previously diagnosed patient—someone who is part of their household. Earlier this week, officials announced an infection in a child under the age of five who had contracted the virus from another member of their household. County officials said yesterday that the child is doing well, recovering at home, and had few contacts outside of their family over the last few weeks. While there have been rumors of other COVID-19 cases in Lane County, officials say those are cases among people who live outside the county but are being treated at local hospitals. In all, Lane County has had 80 cases since the pandemic began—79 confirmed and one presumptive. Thirteen of those are considered active cases, with two patients hospitalized and the other 11 resting at home. COVID-19 has been tied to three local deaths since mid-March. At least 12,513 people have been tested for the coronavirus in Lane County. ; No new COVID-19 deaths announced yesterday in the state. Officials with the Oregon Health Authority did confirm 76 new and presumptive cases. That bring the number of Oregon coronavirus cases to 4,474. The total is expected to top 4,500 known cases later today or tomorrow. Health experts say 124 patients with confirmed or presumptive cases of COVID-19 are hospitalized statewide. Forty are being treated in intensive-care units and 13 of those are on ventilators. More than to 139,000

Oregonians have been tested for the virus. ; State health officials said yesterday they are investigating an outbreak among five workers at an Amazon warehouse facility in Aumsville, outside Salem. The investigation began May 21. Officials with the Oregon Health Authority and Marion County Public Health say they are working with Amazon to address the outbreak and protect the health of workers. They add that the risk to the public from the outbreak is considered low. Amazon has warehouses and shipping facilities around the country and has seen scattered outbreaks as workers rush to fill record numbers of online orders during the pandemic. There was one earlier case tied to the Salem-area Facility and there have been four cases at Amazon's Troutdale warehouse. ; The cumulative U.S. death toll from the coronavirus stands at 108,211 this morning. More than 1.87 million people have tested positive for COVID-19 during the past few months. More than 485,000 patients have recovered. More than 18.6-million Americans have been tested for the virus. That is according to numbers compiled from worldwide health organizations, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, by Johns Hopkins University. There are more than 6.6-million confirmed infections of the coronavirus worldwide. Yesterday, international health officials expressed concern about outbreaks of the virus across the globe, saying the number of new cases is growing worldwide by more than 100,000 per day. More than 391,000 patients have died, but more than 2.88 million have recovered. ; Oregon Employment Department officials say they are continuing to chip away at that backlog of unreviewed claims for initial jobless benefits. Some people filed months ago but still have not seen any unemployment payments and have been unsuccessful in contacting the department. Yesterday, agency officials say there were improvements on two fronts: They say they further trimmed the unprocessed claims by close to 2,000 to slightly more than 26,000. And they say yesterday's average call wait time dropped dramatically, to an average 36 minutes. When the pandemic hit, the employment department was quickly overwhelmed as over the next two-and-a-half months more than 460,000 Oregonians filed for jobless benefits and the state's unemployment rate spiked to an all-time high of 14.2 percent. Officials say since then, the department has processed 94 percent of all initial jobless claims and paid out more than \$1.5 (b) billion in benefits. The push to clear the backlog, which is being called "Project Focus 100," shifts many experienced claims specialists to the task of reviewing and approving benefits. The Employment Department had slightly more than 100 claims specialists in mid-March but now has more than 700 on the job and is hiring more. There is also a push to cut extremely long call waiting times, which averaged 172 minutes—just shy of three hours—late last week. Officials say they shifted staff and volunteers—including agency retirees—to handle more phone lines and make more outgoing calls to applicants. ; the U.S. unemployment rate fell to 13.3 percent in May from 14.7 percent, and 2.5 million jobs were added — a surprisingly positive reading in the midst of a recession that has paralyzed the economy in the wake of the viral pandemic. The May job gain suggests that businesses have quickly been recalling workers as states have reopened their economies. Other evidence has also shown that the job market meltdown triggered by the coronavirus has bottomed out. The number of people applying for unemployment benefits has declined for nine straight weeks. And the total number of people receiving such aid has essentially leveled off. The overall job cuts have widened economic disparities that have disproportionately hurt minorities and lower-educated workers. Though the unemployment rate for white Americans was 12.4 percent May, it was 17.6 percent for Hispanics and 16.8 percent for African-Americans. Even with the surprising gain in May, it may take months for all those who lost work in April and March to find jobs. Some economists forecast the rate could remain in double-digits through the November elections and into next year. ; Washington state officials said Thursday they believe they have recovered about half of the hundreds of millions in

unemployment benefits paid to criminals who used stolen identities to file claims during the coronavirus pandemic. Officials are still working to determine the final amount paid out fraudulently to the criminals, who are believed based in Africa. But they believe it was between \$550 million and \$650 million. To date, Washington state has recovered \$333 million. A fraud ring using identities stolen in prior data breaches, such as the massive 2017 Equifax breach, is believed to be behind the fraud. The criminals targeted nearly a dozen states, according to cybersecurity firm Agari. ; On Wednesday morning, Lane County began accepting applications for \$930,000 in state renter relief money. Demand was high. County spokeswoman Devon Ashbridge says that within the first ten minutes they received 250 applications, with 938 applications submitted by the end of the day. To be eligible for rent relief, applicant needed to document a loss of income as a direct result of COVID-19; or have compromised health or an elevated risk of infection that would be aggravated by a loss of housing. Applicants also had to meet certain low-income requirements. Eligible households are being served on a first-come, first-served basis for expenses incurred from April 1 of this year to now. ; Just a reminder that new energy assistance funding is available to Lane County residents who are struggling to pay their utility and heating bills and the waiting list opens Monday morning (June 8). U.S. Health and Human Services has made \$575,000 available to local low-income households through a new program that is an offshoot of LIHEAP, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. The program, called LP-20 CARES, is intended to assist households that have been impacted by COVID-19, either financially or because of household health issues. The program provides qualifying households with a one-time payment toward their energy bill. It may be applied to electricity, natural gas, home heating oil, propane, wood pellets and wood. There are income limits to be eligible for a direct, one-time payment into a household's utility account that ranges between \$250-\$550. But county officials emphasize that even if you received money under a previous energy assistance program you still are eligible for this one and should apply. To qualify, a household's current gross monthly income must be at or below 60 percent of Oregon's median income. A household of one person, for example, can have a gross monthly income as high as \$2,165. A household of four can have a gross monthly income of \$4,163. The amount of assistance depends on various factors. Qualifying households will receive a direct, one-time payment into a household's utility account that ranges between \$250-\$550. The waiting list opens on Monday, June 8, at 9:00 a.m. You may get information about eligibility and applications at www.lanecounty.org/LIHEAPCares or by contacting a partner agency. There are additional energy assistance programs available in Lane County that are offered by specific utility companies. Call your utility for information about those programs. ; One of Oregon's most popular tourist areas is the northern Oregon coast, which draws large crowds from the Portland area year-round. Concerns about those crowds and the possible spread of the coronavirus are a big reason many Oregon State Parks properties on the north coast remained closed in recent weeks, even as sites on the Central and Southern coast began reopening. But today, there will be limited day-use access to 13 popular North Coast sites, ranging from Fort Stevens near Astoria to Nehalem Bay, Oswald West, and Hug Point between Cannon Beach and Tillamook. Not all parks on the northern Oregon Coast are reopening at this time. Nehalem Bay and Cape Lookout State Parks are reopening to campers starting Tuesday, June 9, but only to those with previous reservations. For those wishing to book a campsite at those parks, go online or call beginning the Oregon State Parks reservations line on Tuesday morning to make reservations up to two weeks in advance where there is availability. Fort Stevens is not expected to begin accepting new reservations before June 25. Coastal communities also are slowly lifting bans on visitor's staying overnight, but many still have limits on occupancy, such as only allowing hotels to book 60 percent of their rooms. /

RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING: On a day when mourners gathered in Minnesota to remember George Floyd, the African American man who died at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer, protesters in Oregon held observances of their own. In Eugene, protesters group gathered outside Eugene's federal courthouse to hear from several speakers, then walked down Eighth Avenue and to the Whiteaker neighborhood. After that, they made their way to 7th and Washington Streets and—as Eugene Police issued an advisory for drivers to avoid the area and assisted with traffic control—laid down for eight-minutes and 46-seconds—the time they say the officer held his knee to Floyd's neck—as a silent memorial. A similar observance happened yesterday in Portland, where thousands walked onto the Morrison Bridge over the Willamette River, then held their silent vigil. ; Governor Kate Brown on Thursday ordered all flags to be flown at half-staff until sunset yesterday to honor George Floyd, the handcuffed black man who died after a white Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee to Floyd's neck during an arrest. Trail Blazers star Damian Lillard joined protesters who filled downtown streets and bridges in Portland while smaller demonstrations happened throughout the state. / **CRIME:** The Lane County Sheriff's Office has received reports that phone scammers are targeting community members again. The scammers have been posing as Sheriff's Office employees and using names of actual employees. Scammers told one community member recently that they had missed jury duty and could either turn themselves into the Sheriff's Office to serve 12 hours of jail time or pay a sum of money over \$1,500. As with past scams, the victim is asked to stay on the phone. This is to ensure the victim does not try to contact the agency directly, or call a loved one for guidance. Community members then are sent to one or more places to pay the "fine" until they are finally sent to a retailer that sells gift and cash cards. Scammers then ask for the numbers off the cards to access the funds. In one case, the scammers contacted the victim again later and demanded more money, this time saying they would only accept a debit card. These phone calls are SCAMS. Employees with the Lane County Sheriff's Office will NEVER contact you over the phone for a warrant, they will visit you in person. The Lane County Sheriff's Office will NEVER ask for payment in the form of gift or cash cards, and will NEVER ask you to stay on the phone while you obtain funds. Scammers play on fear to get you to part with your hard-earned money. If you suspect a call is a scam, HANG UP and call the agency back at their publicly listed number. Several months ago, local law enforcement agencies teamed up to create flyers for local retailers to place near gift and cash card displays in stores. The flyers provide information to possible victims who may be there to purchase gift cards or cash cards in response to a scam call. Officials say they've heard from several people who realized they were being scammed when they spotted the flyers or because a thoughtful employee mentioned the phone scams. The Lane County Sheriff's Office thank local retailers for their partnership with law enforcement to stop scammers for good. / **SAFETY, YOUTH, ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION:** Clearwater Park in Springfield has a new, life-saving feature. A Life Jacket Kiosk is now available at Clearwater Park thanks to a partnership between Eugene Springfield Fire, Willamalane Park and Recreation District, Cabela's and Lane Professional Firefighters Local 851. The kiosk construction was funded through private donations and corporate sponsorship. The project received a boost when Cabela's agreed to provide the life jackets. Additional financial support was received from Lane Professional Firefighters Local 851. The goal of the program is for swimmers at and near Clearwater Park to use the life jackets and then return them to the kiosk once they are done for the day. Boaters putting in at Clearwater Park are also encouraged to use the life jackets and return them once they come back to the park to pick up their shuttle vehicle. Willamalane Parks and Recreation District staff will open and close the kiosk each day and Eugene-Springfield Fire staff will check the kiosk each week to confirm there are enough

life jackets available in each size. The kiosk will be open from Memorial Day to Labor Day each year. For more information, please contact Eugene-Springfield Fire Battalion Chief Ben Meigs at 541-543-0908. /

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RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING: What began as grassroots protests across the country have coalesced into a global movement. Over the weekend, millions turned out across the United States and many other countries, galvanized by the killing of George Floyd by a Minneapolis Police officer but drawing on centuries of racial injustice and calls for police reform. The demonstrations and marches were overwhelmingly peaceful. While there were isolated clashes with police in some cities, that was not the case locally. ; It was a weekend of overwhelmingly peaceful protests across the U.S. and here in Eugene-Springfield, as participants gathered to call for racial justice and police reforms while mourning George Floyd, the black man who died at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer, two weeks ago. This week, local government and police leaders say they are responding to those concerns with a series of actions. In Eugene, Mayor Lucy Vinis has thanked the organizers of the peaceful protests and those who spoke up for racial equity. Vinis says Eugene's Police Department meets many of the "Use of Force" policy guidelines supported by Campaign Zero, one of the national offshoots of the Black Lives Matter movement, and its "8 Can't Wait" campaign. She says the department prohibits chokeholds, requires de-escalation, and requires officers intervene to prevent excessive use of force by other officers, as well as requiring reporting of such incidents. Vinis notes that Eugene officers wear cameras to document their interactions with suspects and members of the public. And she adds that the city has an independent Police Auditor, a Civilian Review Board, and a Police Commission. Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner says while the department bans chokeholds, it had allowed what is known as a "carotid restraint," which can restrict the flow of blood to the brain, reducing a suspect's level of consciousness in order to take them into custody, rather than blocking off a suspect's airway. Skinner says the carotid (kuh-RAW'-tihd) restraint is used rarely, but that on Thursday he implemented an executive directive that immediately bans its use, unless lethal force is justified. On Saturday, Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg released a statement saying that at today's Springfield City Council meeting she will recommend full funding of a program to outfit Springfield Police with body-worn cameras to record their interactions with suspects and members of the public. Lundberg says she supports Springfield Police. And she also acknowledges that the pandemic is knocking a hole in the city's budget. But after years of council discussion, she says cameras are a vital tool that all police departments should employ. Heather Buch, the chair of the Lane County Board of Commissioners, says the death of George Floyd and subsequent protests have created a momentum toward racial equity across the country and here in Lane County. On Tuesday, she says the board will vote on a resolution supporting Black Lives Matter that includes action items focused on change. ; One of the offshoots of the Black Lives Matter movement is Campaign

Zero, which formed in 2015 to push for reforms in policing policies. On June 1, in response to the killing of George Floyd, Campaign Zero launched a new initiative, "8 Can't Wait," it works to update police "Use of Force" policies to save lives. They include: a ban chokeholds and strangleholds; requiring police work to de-escalate situations whenever possible; requiring that police provide a verbal warning in all situations before using deadly force; requires officers to exhaust all other alternatives, including non-force and less lethal force options, prior to resorting to deadly force; requiring officers to intervene and stop excessive force used by other officers and report such incidents immediately to a supervisor; ban shooting at moving vehicles: Ban officers from shooting at moving vehicles in all cases; establish a Use of Force continuum that restricts the most severe types of force to the most extreme situations and creates clear policy restrictions on the use of each police weapon and tactic; and require officers to report each time they use force or threaten to use force against civilians. ; Sunday's peaceful protest in Eugene began around noon at the Wayne Morse Free Speech Plaza with a crowd estimated at close to 1,200. The gathering picked up more participants as estimated 1,500 took part in a planned march. They first headed to the University of Oregon campus and one of its historic buildings, Deady Hall. The structure is named for Matthew Deady, Oregon's first judge. But protesters have renewed the push to rename the building, noting that Deady was a supporter of slavery and at Oregon's Constitutional Convention in 1857 advocated for discrimination toward African-Americans, who were not allowed to settle in the new state. After the gathering at the U-of-O, 300 participants marched to Country Club Road and assembled outside the headquarters of the Eugene Police for a demonstration and rally. They also taped posters and fliers to the boards over the front windows, or applied spray paint, removing some pro-police messages placed there the day before. Throughout the days event's speakers discussed the importance of peaceful protest and deescalating conflict, as well as eliminating racism in the community and in education. Those taking part in the planned rally remained peaceful, but police say several people arrived with different motivations and vandalized a portion of the front of the building with anti-police messaging. Eugene Public Works crews repaired the damage after the crowd left around 4 p.m. Some of the marchers returned downtown and dispersed at about 5 p.m. Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner praised the larger Black Lives Matter protesters for holding peaceful rallies and managing its marches to reduce traffic and other disruptions. On Saturday, protesters marched and demonstrated outside Springfield's City Hall and the Springfield Police Department, then headed up Pioneer Parkway and along the western stretch of Centennial before returning downtown. / COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, RECREATION: There was one new COVID-19 death announced on Sunday by state health officials, a 71-year-old man in Malheur County, as the Oregon Health Authority confirmed 146 new and presumptive cases. That is a big single-day total. Officials say 61 of those cases are on the coast in Lincoln County. Investigators say they are part of a cluster of 65 cases they began investigating last week involving workers at Pacific Seafood. The risk to the public is considered low. Pacific Seafood is one of North America's largest seafood processors, based in Clackamas with facilities up and down the West Coast. Twelve other new cases are linked to an outbreak at an agricultural processing facility in Hood River. Both of those clusters underscore the challenges of safeguarding workers in the food harvesting and food processing sectors, who must often work shoulder-to-shoulder for much of their shifts. State health officials say many other individual cases were diagnosed as a result of more widespread testing, increased contact tracing and active monitoring of close contacts—including members of the same household—of previous cases. The Oregon Health Authority also reported 97 new or presumptive cases on Saturday, bringing the weekend total to 243. And although the weekend case numbers are high, officials note that the overall rate of infection in our state

remains among the lowest in the U.S. But they add that the higher case counts serve as a reminder that Oregonians need to continue to maintain physical distancing, wear face coverings where physical distancing cannot be maintained, avoid large gatherings, and wash their hands regularly. The number of Oregon coronavirus cases diagnosed since late February stands at 4,808. More than 143,000 Oregonians have been tested for the virus. Health experts say 121 patients with confirmed or presumptive cases of COVID-19 are hospitalized statewide. Thirty-nine are being treated in intensive-care units and 16 of those are on ventilators. ; No new COVID-19 cases announced over the weekend by Lane County Public Health officials. Among the 12 active cases, two patients remain hospitalized and the other 10 are resting at home. We have logged 80 local cases since the pandemic began—79 confirmed and one presumptive. COVID-19 has been tied to three deaths in Lane County since mid-March. At least 12,910 people have been tested locally for the coronavirus. ; Oregon OSHA has launched a free educational video to help employers and workers understand the requirements of a temporary rule that strengthens protections against the spread of the coronavirus in employer-provided housing and labor-intensive farm operations. The 12-minute video – available in both English and Spanish – uses engaging graphics and concise narration to give an overview of the rule’s three key parts: field sanitation, labor housing, and transportation. “This is a challenging time for employers and workers who operate in this industry and during this emergency,” said Roy Kroker, consultation and public education manager for Oregon OSHA. “That is why we created this video, which is part of our larger and ongoing educational efforts to help them understand the requirements of this rule.” The video’s topics include the appointment of physical distancing officers and other rule changes in field sanitation and housing operations. It also addresses requirements in transportation. The video is intended to supplement – not replace – a careful reading of the rule. The rule stems from a March 20 request to immediately adopt requirements related to such housing and operations. Instead, Oregon OSHA treated the request as a petition for rulemaking and put it on a faster evaluation track than normal. The division reviewed more than 120 comments as part of the public process. The division delayed enforcement of the rule, most of which took effect May 11, until June 1 in response to requests from employers for more time to comply. The rule will remain in effect until no later than Oct. 24, 2020. ; As state and local health officials work to track sources of coronavirus infections, they employ a network of people known as “contact tracers.” What is contact tracing, and why does it matter? Contact tracing is a key tool in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Contact tracers call people who may have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 to provide guidance and support. In Oregon, local public health authorities historically used contact tracing to prevent the spread of many types of diseases, like measles. But their efforts take on added importance during the pandemic. The Oregon Health Authority this month released a video to explain more about the importance of contact tracing and the importance of answering a contact tracing call. ; Oregon’s Crater Lake National Park reopens this morning after closing during the height of the pandemic. It will be a gradual process that today includes the reopening of the South Entrance’s Munson Valley Road, as well as West Rim Drive and the North Entrance Road. Parks officials remind you that much of the park and its trails remain snow-covered and roads can close during wintry weather or other unsafe conditions. East Rim Drive and Pinnacles Road continue to be closed as they usually are this time of year due to snow. Most trails also remain snow-covered and in some cases are blocked by downed trees. The Crater Lake Backcountry Office is open to issue backcountry permits. Only one individual per group will be allowed in the office to complete the permit. Among those services and areas still closed: Park Information Centers and Bookstores: Check the Crater Lake Hospitality website at www.travelcraterlake.com for the latest information and

updates. Visitors are encouraged to visit <https://www.recreation.gov/sitepass/2647> to pay entrance fees in advance. When paying at the entrance station, credit cards are preferred. ; Multnomah County officials submitted reopening framework to Gov. Kate Brown's office Friday in the hope of beginning phase 1 of the state's plan to ease COVID-19 restrictions. If approved, restaurants in Multnomah County on June 12 could once again offer dine-in service, gyms could open, personal services would be available by appointment and the gathering size would increase from 10 people to 25. Multnomah, which is state's most populous county, is the only county in Oregon that has not yet entered phase 1. As of Friday, at least 161 people across Oregon have died from the coronavirus and more than 4,570 in the state have tested positive for the disease. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Travelers should expect delays up to 20 minutes on OR 126 McKenzie Highway as trees are removed near the road and a lane is closed in the work zone. Work begins today and will last at least a week east of Springfield in the Thurston Hills area, between mileposts 8 and 10. Crews plan to work 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Travelers should watch for flaggers and crews in the area. Trees are removed to enhance safety and prevent them from becoming a danger to travelers. Crews with the Oregon Department of Transportation identify and remove trees that are growing too close to the road, have died, or may be vulnerable to wind. Where traffic is routed through or around a work zone, pedestrians, including those with disabilities, will also be provided routes through or around the work zone. /

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RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING: Members of the Springfield City Council are going ahead with a program to outfit police with body-worn cameras that will record their interactions with suspects and members of the community. It came as the council struggled to make cuts to a city budget that is seeing steeply declining revenues during the pandemic but also is working to respond to community calls for racial justice and a change in policing. Ahead of the council meeting, protesters gathered outside Springfield City Hall to call for the council to retain the funding for the \$350,000 program. It came after Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg on Saturday said in a statement that she supported both the police and full funding of the body-worn camera program. She said the cameras are a vital tool that all police departments should employ. The Springfield Police Department is applying for federal grants to cover much of the cost of the body-worn camera program and hopes to begin rolling it out early next year. Only one SPD officer currently wears a body camera. ; They say black people are treated unequally across the country and here in Lane County. Later today, members of the county's Board of Commissioners are expected to approve a resolution acknowledging the area's racist past and pledging to work toward a better future. Members began working on the resolution last week as protests increased across the country over the killing of George Floyd and there were passionate calls for racial justice. The resolution recognizes that this is an extraordinary moment in time that calls for civic leaders to set the tone for the future. Specifically, it calls for a focus on recruiting and hiring a diverse work force, especially in law enforcement. Then document notes that Lane County's leaders stand in solidarity with the Black community, are calling for an end to systemic racism, and will work to address the root causes of those inequities. ; Another massive protest yesterday evening in Portland as thousands of demonstrators marched down a ramp and onto Interstate 84 in the northeast Portland's Lloyd District, leading to the temporary shutdown of traffic in both directions. The action came on a 12th day of protests. Portland Police say they shut down traffic on that stretch of I-84 for about an hour to protect protesters and drivers. ; Portland Police Chief Jami Resch (resh) made a surprise announcement yesterday, saying she was stepping down from the bureau's top job and had asked an African American lieutenant, Chuck Lovell, to replace her. It comes after Resch became Portland's police chief less than six months ago. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports the stunning change in leadership comes as Portland's police are under fire for their handling of massive demonstrations across the city spurred by the May 25 killing of George Floyd, the black man who died after a white Minneapolis police officer knelt on his neck for close to nine minutes. Reporter Maxine Bernstein writes that Chuck Lovell was hired as a police officer in Portland in 2002 and becomes the fourth African American to lead the city's police force of about 950 sworn officers. Resch said

she considered the community's needs and believed the change was necessary. She will remain with the Portland Police Bureau in a still-to-be defined role. Her resignation marks the second major shakeup for the bureau in the past year, following the sudden departure in December of Chief Danielle Outlaw, the first African American woman to lead the bureau, who took the police commissioner job in Philadelphia. Under Resch, the 46-year-old Lovell led a new Community Services Division as an acting captain. The division includes the Behavioral Health Unit, a community engagement officer, a new homeless community liaison and a new civilian community engagement specialist. Lovell also served as former Chief Danielle Outlaw's executive assistant. He was promoted to sergeant in July 2011 and lieutenant in July 2017. He has been active with the community, serving as a school resource officer at Jefferson High School, as a mentor in a "Boys to Men" program and on the board of Lines for Life, a nonprofit that operates a crisis call center. / COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, COMMUNITY, FAMILIES, YOUTH, EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION, SPORTS: No new deaths statewide yesterday from COVID-19, but officials with the Oregon Health Authority confirmed 114 positive and presumptive cases. Many of them are tied to that Lincoln County outbreak at seafood processing operations in Newport. Investigators say they are part of a cluster of 124 cases they began investigating last week involving workers at Pacific Seafood. The risk to the public is considered low. Reporter Jamie Goldberg with The Oregonian and OregonLive writes that Pacific Seafood officials say paid to have 376 workers at the company's five Newport facilities tested for the virus. The story notes the positive tests are concentrated at Pacific Seafood's shrimp processing facility, but that the company has suspended operations at all five of its Newport locations and is having the facilities professionally cleaned and sanitized. Pacific Seafood officials said 95 percent of those who tested positive did not report any symptoms and that none have been hospitalized. The Oregonian and OregonLive quotes Lincoln County Public Health officials who say that while Pacific Seafood brings in seasonal workers from other states or abroad, the county believes that most of the workers who tested positive are residents of Lincoln County. Pacific Seafood had hired workers from Ukraine and Serbia, but those employees arrived this week and had not yet started work when the outbreak was reported. Those workers were tested when they arrived. Seven other new cases announced yesterday by state health officials are tied to an outbreak at Chaucer Foods, a Forest Grove producer of freeze-dried foods and baking ingredients. The number of Oregon coronavirus cases diagnosed since late February stands at 4,922. More than 149,700 Oregonians have been tested for the virus. Health experts say 137 patients with confirmed or presumptive cases of COVID-19 are hospitalized statewide. Forty-three are being treated in intensive-care units and 18 of those are on ventilators. ; Lane County Public Health officials announced one new positive test for COVID-19 yesterday: a person in their 30s who has a link to a previously diagnosed case. The new patient is being monitored as they rest at home. Health investigators are working to determine whether the person had contact with any community members. If so, they will be contacted by Lane County Public Health and advised to work with their health care providers on the next steps to take. If a public contact exposure point is identified that information will be shared. The new diagnosis brings the total number of positive cases since the pandemic arrived in Lane County to 80 with one presumptive case. Among the nine active cases, one patient remains hospitalized and the other eight are resting at home. COVID-19 has been tied to three deaths in Lane County since mid-March. At least 13,713 people have been tested locally for the coronavirus. ; Oregon Employment Department officials say they are continuing to chip away at that backlog of unreviewed claims for initial jobless benefits. Some people filed months ago but still have not seen any unemployment payments and have been unsuccessful in contacting the department. Yesterday, agency officials say there

were improvements on two fronts: They say they have further trimmed the unprocessed claims to slightly more than 19,000, about half what it was two weeks ago. They say the average call wait time, while still high, stood at just under two hours—113 minutes—on Friday. When the pandemic hit, the employment department was quickly overwhelmed as over the next two-and-a-half months more than 460,000 Oregonians filed for jobless benefits and the state's unemployment rate spiked to an all-time high of 14.2 percent. Officials say since then, the department has processed 96 percent of all initial jobless claims and paid out more than \$1.5 (b)illion in benefits. The push to clear the backlog, which is being called "Project Focus 100," shifts many experienced claims specialists to the task of reviewing and approving benefits. The Employment Department had slightly more than 100 claims specialists in mid-March but now has more than 700 on the job and is hiring more. Officials say they shifted staff and volunteers—including agency retirees—to handle more phone lines and make more outgoing calls to applicants. ; U.S. employers laid-off 7.7 million workers in April—a sign of how deep the economic hole is as offices, restaurants, stores and schools are re-opening after being shuttered because of the coronavirus. The Labor Department also said in a Tuesday report that job openings plummeted and hiring all but disappeared in April. The number of available jobs fell 16 percent from March to 5 million. Hires declined 31 percent to 3.5 million. ; On Monday, June 15, the Eugene Public Library will restart two services that have been suspended since March 14: The Downtown Library's outside book returns will be opened for limited hours and cardholders with "Held" items will be contacted to make appointments to pick up those items. Starting June 15, the outside book returns at the Downtown Library will be open limited hours, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays. Items borrowed from any location may be returned Downtown. The book returns at Bethel and Sheldon branches will remain closed for now. To avoid overfilling the outside return containers, Library officials ask you to wait a few days or even a week after June 15 before returning items. All items on loan have had their due dates extended to September 14. No overdue fines will be charged during this time. Returned items will be quarantined before being loaned out again. Starting June 15, the library will individually notify cardholders who have requested items on "hold" to make appointments for curbside pick-up. The cardholders will be contacted by the usual method of email, phone, or text. The notice will provide instructions to make an appointment for curbside pick-up at the cardholder's regular library location: The Downtown Library, Bethel Branch, or Sheldon Branch. Library staff have located and prepared more than 5000 items that had been requested in the past few months. The library estimates it will take a few weeks of individual curbside appointments to distribute this backlog before returning to a more normal pace of requests and fulfillment. Patrons are encouraged to continue placing hold requests for books, DVDs, and CDs for future curbside pick-up. To help more community members get items more quickly, the library asks that all cardholders cancel or suspend any requests they do not want at this time. Hold requests can be placed, canceled, or suspended by self-service online or by contacting staff. While the library buildings remain closed, the library continues to provide free eBooks, audiobooks, movies, and more 24/7 at www.eugene-or.gov/library Through the summer, free library cards to access online services are available to everyone in Eugene, including those outside city limits. ; The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife's Hunter Education classes resume on Saturday, June 13, with safety measures in place to protect both students and volunteer instructors. Visit <https://myodfw.com/articles/hunter-education-classes-field-days> to see the summer schedule and register. Students may enroll in a conventional class or finish most of the class independently by workbook or online and only enroll in the Field Day. More classes and field days will be added in the future. State wildlife officials are taking steps to protect

students and teachers by limiting class sizes to 25 students and parents. Instructors will be encouraged to break the class into even smaller groups where possible. Physical distancing will be maintained except during brief moments when closer distance is needed to safely handle firearms. Students and volunteer instructors will be required to wear a mask during class. Hand sanitizer will be available. Firearms and any other shared materials will be wiped down before being handled by a new student. All ODFW outdoor education classes have been cancelled since March due to the pandemic—including Hunter Education, which is required to hunt in Oregon for anyone age 17 and under. State wildlife officials say they understand that not all youth hunters may have a chance to complete the class before fall 2020 seasons start Aug. 1. Because of this, ODFW postponed the Field Day requirement for the 2020 season. That means kids who have completed the classroom portion online or by workbook before their hunt can hunt the fall 2020 season even if they have not completed the Field Day. But in those cases, they do need to be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age on their hunt. This exception is only for the 2020 hunting season. Kids ages 17 and under will need to complete the field day portion to receive their hunter education certification so they can hunt next year and in the future. ODFW encourages youth to take the class as soon as they are able. Enroll in an online course, <https://myodfw.com/articles/hunter-education-classes-and-field-days-schedule> or request a printed workbook. Youth who do not complete the Field Day need to carry proof of completion of the classroom portion of the class into the field when they go hunting this fall. Students who completed the course online can carry the online completion certification in the field as their needed proof. Students who complete the class by workbook need to mail the completed workbook back to ODFW Hunter Education and will be mailed a certificate to carry in the field indicating they completed the classroom part of the course. ; Oregon basketball star Sabrina Ionescu might be back in the game by mid-summer. The New York Times is reporting that the union representing the players of the WNBA is mulling proposals to start its coronavirus-delayed season as early as next month. The season was postponed amid the pandemic in early April. The WNBA is working on an abbreviated season schedule, like those in the works with other professional leagues. The league is considering playing its season at one location, like the NBA's plan to resume its 2019-20 season at the Walt Disney World Resort near Orlando, Fla. ESPN reported Thursday that the WNBA wants to play at the IMG Academy in the Tampa-St. Petersburg, Florida, area—although the MGM Resorts in Las Vegas is also an option. ESPN reported that the league was proposing a 22-game schedule beginning July 24, with playoffs that would end in October. Since 2003, WNBA teams have played 34 games, but they were set to add two more to the schedule this year. The 12-team WNBA was scheduled to begin its 24th season May 15, with the Washington Mystics looking to defend their title. The league held its draft April 17, and the New York Liberty selected Sabrina Ionescu, a former Oregon star, with the first overall pick. Former Oregon stars Satou Sabally and Ruthy Hebard were also among the first eight draft selections. /

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CRIME: They say he's considered extremely dangerous. So if you see him, do not approach him. But if you know where he might be, Junction City Police would like to hear from you. The suspect is 44-year-old Victor Burgoyne. Investigators believe he was the man who early yesterday morning fired a bullet into the front of a woman's home. No one was injured, even though police say the round ripped through one wall, struck another, and bullet fragments ricocheted around the edge of the tub. Late Tuesday night, Junction City Police were notified that a suicidal man had fired multiple rounds into a residence in Harrisburg and was possibly returning to a different residence in Junction City to harm his girlfriend. They identified Victor Burgoyne as the suspect and determined he had just fired multiple rounds into the home of his girlfriend's parent's house in Harrisburg and threatened to kill multiple other family members and friends if she did not meet him. Investigators determined Burgoyne was the person who fired the bullet into the first Junction City home, inhabited by a friend of his girlfriend. And they say Burgoyne continued to make threatening phone calls and texts to his girlfriend throughout the early morning hours. Burgoyne is described as a white male, 6'3" tall, 163 pounds, is balding with a shaved and receding hairline, and has hazel-colored eyes. Burgoyne may be unshaven with a mustache and goatee that is brownish grey in color. Burgoyne may be driving a white 2003 Ford F350 4-door crew-cab pick-up truck with Oregon license # 521LBY. Burgoyne may also be towing a 20-25 foot Outback camper trailer with out of state license plates. The trailer is mostly white in color with light grey or beige trim near the bottom portion of the trailer. There is significant damage to the awning on the passenger side of the trailer from striking a tree while partially open. A number of police jurisdictions are searching for Burgoyne throughout Linn and Lane Counties. His location remains unknown and he is considered suicidal and extremely dangerous. Burgoyne is wanted on multiple felony and misdemeanor charges. Anyone with information on Burgoyne or his whereabouts is asked to contact the Junction City Police Department Immediately at 541-998-1245. / RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING, COMMUNITY, EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION: On the day that thousands gathered in Houston, Texas, to bid farewell to George Floyd, marchers across the country continued their protests against racism and repeated their calls for changes in policing. Here in Eugene, a large march for a time prompted the closure of both directions of Interstate 105 near the Coburg Road exits. ; Members of the Lane County Board of Commissioners say they stand in solidarity with the Black community. Yesterday, they unanimously approved a resolution acknowledging the area's racist past and pledging to work toward a better future. The resolution recognizes that this is an extraordinary moment in time that calls for civic leaders to set the tone for the future. It calls for a focus on recruiting and hiring a diverse work force, especially in law

enforcement. County board members began working on the resolution last week as protests increased across the country over the killing of George Floyd and there were passionate calls for racial justice. ; A renewed push to rename an iconic building on the University of Oregon campus. Deady Hall (DEE'-dee) is named for Matthew Deady, who was one of Oregon's first judges in the 1850s but also supported slavery, only referred to blacks as "property," and advocated for discrimination. In 2016, at the urging of members of the Black Student union and others, University of Oregon officials and members of the UO Board of Trustees examined whether to rename Deady Hall along with a second building, Dunn Hall—which was named for Frederick Dunn, a former professor and a member of the Ku Klux Klan. In 2017, Dunn Hall was renamed Unthank Hall, in memory of U-of-O graduate DeNorval Unthank, Junior, a noted architect who was the first black man to receive an architecture degree at the University of Oregon. Unthank was a longtime advocate for black rights. But the UO Board of Trustees did not take up the matter of renaming Deady Hall. This month, Andrew Colas—the owner of a major Portland-based commercial construction company and a member of the board—said he regrets the decision not to remove Deady's name and wants the trustees to revisit the issue. The Board of Trustees is scheduling at least one special meeting to discuss the matter. Deady was a strong backer of the Exclusion Clause, which was written into Oregon's Constitution and prohibited blacks from residing in the newly admitted state. Oregon was the only state to be admitted to the union with formal racism written into its Constitution. It was not repealed until 1926. / COVID-19: BUSINESS, ECONOMY, HEALTH, LATINX, ELDERS, LOW-INCOME, SCHOOLS: Even as Lane and many other Oregon counties expand their economic reopenings under Phase Two, nursing homes and other long-term care facilities remain closed to family members and other visitors. Oregon has seen outbreaks in 27 of its 688 large long-term care facilities, 16 of which are still considered active. That's led to hundreds of cases of COVID-19 and dozens of deaths among a medically fragile population. Oregon's long-term care facilities, including nursing homes and memory care facilities, house a combined 31,000 residents and employ close to 29,000 workers. That's close to 60,000 people. Yesterday, Governor Kate Brown announced a comprehensive coronavirus testing plan for the residents and staff of those facilities. She says the effort, conducted by the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Human Services, will begin at those facilities considered at highest risk for infection. The agencies will release full details of the effort later this week. The effort is expected to include: Active daily screenings for fever and COVID-like symptoms for all residents and staff, providing testing for any residents or staff with even mild symptoms. Residents who test positive would be isolated. Providing testing for all staff every month on a staggered weekly basis, with the goal of having 25 percent of all staff tested each week over the course of the month. Providing testing for all residents and staff if there is a single new confirmed or suspected resident case or a confirmed staff case and retesting weekly until at least 14 days pass without a new positive result. Residents who test positive and are symptomatic would be isolated. Testing all new residents prior to admission or readmission, including transfers from hospitals or other health care facilities. Even new residents who test negative would be quarantined for 14 days. Brown says the expanded testing is an essential first step that eventually will lead to allowing family and friends to resume their visits to residents. The governor says the plan is partially dependent on the federal government's ability to supply long-awaited shipments of swabs and other testing materials. ; Five more Oregonians have died from COVID-19 and state health officials yesterday announced 70 new confirmed and presumptive cases. Those who died ranged in age from 60 to 96 and were from Marion, Multnomah, and Clackamas counties. All had previously diagnosed health conditions in addition to the virus. The state's death toll from COVID-19 now stands at 169. The number of Oregon coronavirus cases diagnosed since

late February stands at 4,988. More than 153,400 Oregonians have been tested for the coronavirus. Health experts say 145 patients with confirmed or presumptive cases of COVID-19 are hospitalized statewide. That is up by eight from one day earlier. Forty-seven are being treated in intensive-care units and 20 of those are on ventilators. ; No new positive tests in Lane County yesterday for COVID-19. And all four of the county's active cases are resting at home. No patients are hospitalized. Since the pandemic arrived in our area, there have been 80 confirmed cases and one presumptive case. COVID-19 has been tied to three deaths in Lane County since mid-March. At least 14,181 people have been tested locally for the coronavirus. ; Earlier this spring, Lane County Public Health officials ordered six Rapid Testing Machines, made by the company Abbott, to quickly ramp up local testing capacity and assess the spread of the coronavirus. But those machines still have not arrived. County officials say there is a huge nationwide backlog of orders for the devices and many other parts of the country are higher on the priority list for delivery of the rapid-testing machines. They say that is because many of those other areas have seen a recent surge in their numbers of COVID-19 cases. Lane County officials hope our machines will arrive in the coming weeks. ; Lane County Public Health officials say they are continuing to conduct focused testing for the coronavirus on vulnerable local populations. The effort, known as Sentinel Testing, gives officials a better sense of whether and how the virus has spread in the community. The voluntary testing has taken place in a number of local nursing homes, long-term care facilities and assisted-living centers. More testing is planned in similar locations because older adults in those "congregate care settings" are more vulnerable to infection. Lane County Public Health also is continuing to conduct testing in the Latino community, which has seen a higher rate of infection than the population at large. As is the case across the country, a larger proportion of Latinos work in the service and food-processing industries and in lower-paying jobs that do not always allow them to physically distance or work from home. Some of that testing identified a handful of cases earlier this month, including among some people who did not realize they had been infected. Officials say they're scheduling five new testing opportunities for the Latinx population in the weeks ahead and are sharing those dates and locations on the Lane County Public Health website at www.lanecountyor.gov/coronavirus The county has also offered voluntary testing to homeless campers who were sheltering in temporary facilities in Eugene and Springfield. More testing of the unhoused is in the works and will include a focus on local shelters where the risk of transmission is higher because people are sometimes cannot avoid being in close proximity. ; One week after Lane County began accepting applications from residents for a share of \$930,000 in state renter relief money, officials say they are reviewing the 1,272 completed applications they received. The fund offers payment for qualifying rental expenses incurred since April 1. To be eligible for relief, renters needed to document that they'd suffered a loss of income as a direct result of COVID-19; or that they have compromised health or an elevated risk of infection that would be aggravated by a loss of housing. Applicants also had to meet certain low-income requirements. The applications from eligible households are being processed in the order in which they were received. County officials say if you applied and you qualify, they will contact you. If your application is approved but it comes after they have already handed out this batch of state renter relief money, they will place you on a waiting list for any future funds. ; This is a bittersweet time for Oregon's school students, families, teachers and staff. As the school year comes to a close, it was not the spring everyone expected and there is a sense of loss—of time in the classroom, time with friends, myriad school activities, and more. Many schools are planning small events to honor their students, setting up school visits to provide children and teens with items ranging from memory books to the applause of teachers and staff. Today at Eugene's Edison Elementary, on East

22nd Avenue, it's a double goodbye: A farewell to the school year and to the school building. Edison's school building was constructed in 1926, making it the oldest in the district. It's being dismantled this summer to make room for a new, state-of-the-art building, paid for by those bonds approved two years ago by Eugene School District voters. This fall, Edison's students will temporarily shift to Willard school at 29th & Lincoln but be in the new school building in 2022. Two parades are planned this afternoon as, starting at 1:30 p.m., Edison teachers and staff drive through nearby neighborhoods to bid farewell to their students and recognize the Edison fifth graders who are moving to middle school in the fall. Then a few hours later, many Edison families plan to drive by the school during a "reverse car parade" to thank Edison teachers and staff and bid farewell to the building. ; Meantime, Oregon U.S. Senator Ron Wyden is demanding that the U.S. Forest Service provide a written safety plan in the next week outlining how the agency will protect firefighters and communities during the coming wildfire season. Wyden says he's concerned by what he thinks is a lack of direct coordination between the Forest Service and state and local officials. It comes amid concerns that the pandemic could reduce the number of firefighters who can deploy to battle the blazes and that physical distancing on the fire lines and in fire camps will reduce their effectiveness. In recent weeks, officials with various agencies have expressed concerns that wildfires will end up burning longer and charring more acres—potentially putting some communities at risk either from flames or the health hazards of thick smoke. Wyden says this summer's fire season requires direct coordinating between traditional agencies as well as the CDC—the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—and from FEMA—the Federal Emergency Management Agency. ; Oregon Employment Department officials say they cleared another 3,000-plus backlogged claims for initial unemployment benefits yesterday. They say the number of unreviewed claims now stands at just under 16,000. That is down from an estimated 38,000 close to two weeks ago. Employment officials also say they have further trimmed the average wait time on their phones to 98 minutes—a bit over an hour and a half. When the pandemic hit, the employment department was overwhelmed by more than 460,000 claims over the past 12 weeks as Oregonians filed for jobless benefits, driving the state's unemployment rate to an all-time high of 14.2 percent in April. Since mid-March, tens of thousands of Oregonians complained that they filed their initial unemployment benefits claims but never received payments and were unsuccessful in contacting the department. That prompted agency officials to launch a new focus this month aimed at clearing that backlog. Since the pandemic hit and spurred layoffs, furloughs, and business closures, officials say the department has processed 96 percent of all initial jobless claims and paid out more than \$1.5 (b)illion in benefits. ; Lane Transit District and other Oregon transit agencies want state lawmakers to allow them spend payroll tax dollars on basic operations to keep routes and staff. It comes as the pandemic has caused deep drops in ridership, tanked revenues, and forced major service reductions. Currently, the transit systems must use payroll tax dollars to expand service and convert diesel fleets to lower-emission vehicles. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports that under a 2017 transportation bill, Oregon lawmakers added the one-tenth of one percent tax (0.1%) on employer payrolls to enhance public transit. But agencies now say they need the money to shore up their core budgets and avoid layoffs. Transit agencies lobbied lawmakers earlier this week with the Joint Committee on Transportation. Officials with Lane Transit, Portland's TriMet, and the nonprofit Oregon Transit Association told lawmakers COVID-19's effect on ridership will likely continue for months if not years. ; Our local bike-share program, PeaceHealth Rides, is continuing to operate even though the company that installed the rental bicycles and set up the rental system is shutting down. An Uber subsidiary, Social Bicycles, is ending its bicycle rental program on June 30. But its contract gives leaves the bicycles here. Officials with the City of Eugene

assume management of PeaceHealth Rides later this month, avoiding any interruption in service. PeaceHealth is staying on as the title sponsor and the city is also searching to an organization to take over management of the popular bike-share program. PeaceHealth Rides launched in April of 2018 and its network has grown to 300 bikes, with 41 rental stations in Eugene and one in Springfield. For bike-share members, PeaceHealth Rides will continue to operate with the same policies, services and prices. Uber will be contacting PeaceHealth Rides members and issuing refunds to those who had pre-paid for services. Refund-related questions may be sent to refunds@socialbicycles.com More information about how to set up a PeaceHealth Rides membership with the city of Eugene as the new operator will be available at peacehealthrides.com ; State public health officials say the coronavirus outbreak at a North Bend prison has been resolved. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the minimum-security prison at one point had 25 infected inmates and three infected employees. It is one of four state prisons with confirmed cases of the virus. A spokesman for the Oregon Health Authority said in an email that an outbreak is considered over 28 days after the date of the last onset of symptoms for people with confirmed or presumptive coronavirus cases. Health officials have reported about 5,000 positive cases, with at least 169 deaths. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: Portland-based utility PacifiCorp, which provides electricity to Oregon and several other Western states, will pay \$3.4 million to settle federal liability claims relating to a 2018 wildfire in Jackson County. The Ramsey Canyon Fire ignited in August of 2018 near the base of a PacifiCorp transmission line 12 miles northwest of the southern Oregon community of Eagle Point. The blaze burned close to 1,900 acres of federal, state, and private land, including 930 acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The federal government sued to recover more than \$4.8 million in costs to put out the wildfire and cover damages to forestlands set aside for timber harvest. Federal prosecutors said the fire was caused by the failure of a connector on a transmission structure that PacifiCorp crews failed to properly install, inspect and maintain. PacificCorp officials, while agreeing to the settlement, did not admit liability. / ENVIRONMENT: Diamond Lake anglers: You can help improve the fishery. Anglers harvesting large rainbow trout at Diamond Lake are being asked to provide the Oregon Department of (Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) with samples of the fishes' scales to help biologist decide how often to restock the lake. Diamond Lake is managed as a "high-yield fishery" and the scale samples will help experts determine what's known as the "age structure" of the rainbow trout in the lake. Among the things they'd like to better understand: How healthy are the older fish and how many younger fish should be added during the season? By combining the data with information about fish health, water quality, and information on other small creatures in Diamond Lake, biologists hope to maintain a quality fishery. ODFW is asking anglers to collect scale samples harvested from any rainbow trout you catch that are longer than 20 inches. The length should be determined by measuring from the trout's snout to the center of the fork in the tail. Instructions and the envelopes in which to place your sample are located at the Diamond Lake Marina. ODFW plans to collect scale samples through Labor Day Weekend. Angling at Diamond Lake is good and the North and South boat ramps are open, but Diamond Lake campgrounds remain closed. Stay home if you are sick. Stick close to home. Don't travel far to hunt or fish. Be prepared. Restrooms and other facilities may be more limited. Bring your own soap, water, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, food, etc. Buy your license online before you go at <https://odfw.huntfishoregon.com/> Avoid crowds. Go someplace else if your destination looks crowded. Practice social distancing. Keep six feet between you and anyone who doesn't live in your immediate household, including while on a boat or at a fish cleaning station. Wash your hands often. Keep up on personal hygiene and bring your own water, soap, and hand sanitizer with you. Pack out what you pack in. Take any garbage with you,

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DISCUSSED RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING, EDUCATION: A new name for an old building with ties to Oregon's racist past. University of Oregon President Michael Schill announced yesterday he is recommending that the U-of-O's Board of Trustees change the name of Deady Hall. A special meeting on the matter will take place later this month. The building, the oldest on campus, was named for Matthew Deady, the university's founder and Oregon's first federal judge, who in the 1850s advocated for slavery, referred to blacks as "property" and supported the inclusion of racist language that was drafted in Oregon's Constitution. In 2016, at the urging of members of the Black Student union and others, University of Oregon officials and members of the UO Board of Trustees examined whether to rename Deady Hall. At the time, Schill recommended against the name change, saying while he found Deady's racist views "abhorrent," there was evidence the judge had moderated his views after the Civil War, supporting civil rights protections in the U.S. Constitutions' 14th and 15th Amendments, as well as the rights of Chinese immigrants. But a key member of the University of Oregon's Board of Trustees said earlier this week he regretted the decision to retain the building's name and wanted to revisit the issue. But in a memo yesterday to the campus community, Schill said continued violence against black Americans by police, the disproportionate effects of COVID-19 on people of color and accelerating racial inequality "have pushed us over a tipping point" and prompted him to reconsider. He added, quote, "It is now apparent to me that, as long as Matthew Deady's name remains in a place of honor on our campus, our students of color will feel that they are not valued; that this institution is not their institution." The University of Oregon president also is asking members of an existing campus committee to consider whether any campus statues or monuments should be removed. Student groups and others have called for the removal of The Pioneer and Pioneer Mother statues and a mural in the Knight Library. In 2017, UO leaders changed the name of, Dunn Hall—which honored a former professor and a member of the Ku Klux Klan—to Unthak Hall, which honored an Oregon architect and alumnus who was a longtime advocate for black rights. ; It was a silent march and protest last night in Eugene. For a 13th evening, there was a large gathering of people calling for an end to racism and a continued push for social justice and police reforms. The marchers started out downtown, then made their way across the Ferry Street to Alton Baker Park to hear from speakers about Black history and Black poetry. Organizers say the route was selected to commemorate to site of Eugene's historic Black neighborhood. The five to ten homes, some with canvas roofs, along with a wood-framed church were built on the north side of the Willamette River because Black residents could not find safe housing in the 1940s in Eugene. In 1949, the homes and church were demolished to make way for construction of the Ferry Street Bridge. The Black residents were forced to

relocate, dispersing to three sites including a new neighborhood on the outskirts of West Eugene. After the teach-in at Alton Baker Park, last night's event ended with a gathering outside the Lane County Jail. / COVID-19: SCHOOLS, EDUCATION, BUSINESS, HEALTH, CRIME, TRANSPORTATION, FAMILIES, RECREATION: It will not be a one-size-fits-all approach when Oregon's kindergarten through 12th grade public and private schools reopen in the fall. Instead, new guidance released yesterday by the Oregon Department of Education recognizes that COVID-19 will likely continue to pose a public health risk throughout the school year, but that the risk will vary from community to community and might change from month-to-month. The educational blueprint instructs districts to develop a back-to-school plan that offers a mix of on-site and distance learning options to protect the safety of students, staff, and families. It calls on districts to develop communicable disease management plans and contingency plans in the event of new outbreaks, including the option of returning to full distance learning if it is needed and of modifying school calendars if it is necessary. What will that mean in classrooms on a daily basis? Smaller groups of students, frequent cleaning and disinfection of surfaces, staggered lunch and recess times, and lots of flexibility. School bus schedules will need to be altered to accommodate fewer riders. Sports and other after-school activities will need new physical distancing guidelines. State officials want school districts to submit their blueprints for reopening by August 15. Among the things they must consider: How to keep children six feet apart, whether in the classroom or on the playground. That challenge is different with younger children, who might not be good at maintain physical distancing, compared to older children and teens, who might need less supervision. Districts will formulate those plans based on building capacity, staff availability and more. In unveiling the plan yesterday, Governor Kate Brown also announced that she will convene a Healthy Schools Reopening Council to advise state officials during the K-12 schools reopening process. She says the goal is to ensure all community voices are heard, ranging from school employees to members of Oregon's Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and other communities of color as the state works to ensure a safe return to school. ; Lane County Public Health officials are investigating one presumptive case of COVID-19, which puts the number of active cases at five. Those patients are resting at home. None are hospitalized. Since the pandemic arrived in our area, there have been 80 confirmed cases and two presumptive cases. COVID-19 has been tied to three deaths in Lane County since mid-March. At least 14,551 people have been tested locally for the coronavirus. ; No new deaths from COVID-19 in Oregon yesterday, but state health officials reported 72 new and presumptive cases, pushing our cumulative total over 5,000—to 5,060. Officials say 169 Oregonians have died from the virus since late February. More than 156,605 Oregonians have been tested for COVID-19. Health experts say 136 patients with confirmed or presumptive cases are hospitalized statewide. Forty are being treated in intensive-care units and 18 of those are on ventilators. ; A couple of quick notes from the Oregon Employment Department: The Oregon National Guard has teamed up with the agency to help Oregonians who need unemployment benefits. Phase One of the team's mission is calling those who applied for regular benefits and now qualify under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program. That is the new federal unemployment benefits program for contractors, self-employed and gig workers. Officials say National Guard members have received training to help them through the online application process. If you qualify for benefits under that new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program for contractors, self-employed and gig workers, you might want to register for a webinar on Zoom that's being hosted later this morning by the Oregon Employment Department. Two experts on the program will discuss key points of the application process and available benefits. They will also provide answers to questions the department's heard the most from people applying for that program. The webinar begins at 10

a.m. and is limited to 500 spots. I have put a link on my TracyKKNU Facebook page. But even if the registration fills up, officials with the Oregon Employment Department say they will share a recording of the webinar afterward on Facebook, Twitter, and the department's website. ; Oregon Employment Department officials say they now have fewer than 13,000 backlogged claims for initial unemployment benefits to process. The update came yesterday from interim agency head David Gerstenfeld, who says a big push to shift workers and volunteers to the project has reduced the backlog from more than 38,000 claims two weeks ago. Employment officials say they added 138 new phone lines this week to provide more capacity for applicants calling in and workers calling out. The average telephone wait time stood at 103 minutes on Tuesday. Officials say the department has processed 97 percent of all initial jobless claims and paid out more than \$1.5 (b)illion in benefits. That includes \$547 million under that extra \$600 per week benefit provided under that massive federal stimulus package. Another \$69 million has been paid to contract, self-employed and gig workers who qualified under the new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance or "P-U-A" program approved by Congress. Officials acknowledge the continued claims backlog means many Oregonians have not received their first benefits checks, even after waiting more than two-and-a-half months. But they hope to have the backlog cleared, perhaps sometime next week. And they say if you were unemployed, are still waiting for your benefits, and go back to work or get a new job, you will still receive whatever benefits you are owed. When the pandemic hit, the employment department was overwhelmed by more than 460,000 claims over the past 12 weeks as Oregonians filed for jobless benefits, driving the state's unemployment rate to an all-time high of 14.2 percent in April. Since mid-March, tens of thousands of Oregonians complained that they filed their initial unemployment benefits claims but never received payments and were unsuccessful in contacting the department. That prompted agency officials to launch a new focus this month aimed at clearing that backlog. ; Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum yesterday warned that scammers may be taking advantage of the pandemic to file for unemployment benefits in your name. Officials with the Oregon Employment Department say they have detected impostors filing claims for unemployment benefits using the names and personal information of people who have not filed claims. If you are a target, you would not learn about the fraud until you receive a notice from the state unemployment benefits office or your employer about your supposed application for benefits. A state lawmaker was among those whose identities were used by the criminals. If this happens to you, it means someone is misusing your personal information, including most likely both your Social Security number and date of birth. Officials say if you discover fraud being carried out using your name it is important to act fast to protect your finances and your credit: Report the fraud to the Oregon Employment Department online at www.workinginoregon.org Report the fraud to your employer. Visit www.IdentityTheft.gov to report the fraud to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and get help with recovery. You will be advised to place a free, one-year fraud alert on your credit; sign up for free credit reports; and close any fraudulent accounts opened in your name. IdentityTheft.gov also can help you add a free "extended fraud alert" or place a credit freeze on your credit report. These changes make it more difficult for an identity thief to open new accounts in your name. Review your credit reports often. For at least the next year, check your reports for errors every week for free through www.AnnualCreditReport.com If the scammer succeeds in obtaining unemployment payments, they are usually deposited into accounts the imposter controls. But sometimes payments get sent to the real person's account instead. If this happens to you, the scammers may call, text, or email to try to get you to send the money to them. They may pretend to be from the Oregon Employment Department and say the money was sent by mistake. This is known as a "money

mule scam." If you receive benefits for which you never applied, report them to the Oregon Employment Department. Do not respond to calls, emails, text messages, or messages on social media telling you to wire money, send cash, or put money on gift cards. The Oregon Employment Department will never ask you to repay money that way and will never ask for your personal identifying information via social media. Anyone who tells you to do those things is a scammer. Every time. ; If your Oregon Drivers' License has expired, you will have until October 1 to renew it. That is the latest from officials with the Oregon DMV, who say there's so much pent-up demand for agency services in the wake of pandemic-related closures that they want drivers to have a bit more time. The October 1 grace period for Oregon Drivers Licenses also applies to expired driver permits, ID cards, and vehicle registrations. The grace period is intended to allow Oregon residents to continue driving while they are waiting for an appointment and while DMV employees work through a massive backlog of service requests. If you are pulled over during a traffic stop, law enforcement officers will be able to check the status of your expired license or vehicle registration electronically. Thirty-eight DMV offices began offering in-person services by appointment on June 3 and tens of thousands of Oregonians rushed to try to book spots. Services currently offered by appointment include: Driver license, permit, and ID card issuance; Driver knowledge tests; Disabled parking permits; Farm endorsements; VIN inspections. DMV is accepting appointment requests online through the agency's website and not by phone. To see if your service is available by appointment and request an appointment, go to www.OregonDMV.com Check DMV2U.Oregon.gov to see what DMV services can be done online. Currently, drive tests are available only through DMV-authorized class C or CDL skills testing businesses. With a few limited exceptions, all other DMV services such as vehicle titles and registration are available online or by mail. ; With plenty of safeguards in place, officials with PeaceHealth Oregon say they are slightly loosening their visitor policy to allow for limited access to their medical centers. Beginning today at noon at PeaceHealth's Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend and University District, patients who do not have COVID-19 or are not suspected of having it are allowed one visitor. Two visitors allowed on a case-by-case basis for patients who are minors, patients who are at the end of their life, and patients in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit or NICU. NICU visitor will be limited to parents, legal guardians, or a support person over the age of 18. PeaceHealth is also adding exceptions to allowing visitors for hospital patients who are under investigation for or have confirmed cases of COVID-19. PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center will move to the new visitor policy at noon on Friday. PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center will implement it at noon on Monday. All visitors will be screened for fever and COVID-19 symptoms before entering the facility. Visitors must also wear a mask during their entire visit, clean hands frequently, practice social distancing and refrain from unnecessary travel within the facility. PeaceHealth Oregon officials say the new visitor guidelines likely will remain in place until COVID-19 is no longer a public health threat in Oregon. PeaceHealth Medical Group clinics will continue to limit visitors except for those accompanying patients needing assistance. Examples of patients who may require assistance include those with physical or cognitive impairments. In addition, visitors will be permitted in those clinical situations where a visitor will be integral to the decision making and information exchange process, for example, for Obstetrics, Palliative Care, Oncology, and major procedural discussions. ; The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District today (Thurs., June 11) reopens campgrounds at Cottage Grove Lake, Dorena Lake, and Lookout Point, as well as Lost Creek Lake in Southern Oregon. The list includes four of the Corps' popular Willamette Valley Campgrounds: Schwartz, Pine Meadows and its nearby primitive campground-- which are offering select sites for reservations—and Ivan Oakes, a

first-come, first-served campground. Campsite availability is limited to provide physical distancing and Corps officials say you should pack supplies like hand sanitizer, soap, and water. Shower facilities, playgrounds, swim areas and visitor centers are still closed. Dispersed and group camping also remain closed. Reservations for available sites can be made at Recreation.gov. No visitors to campsites or extra vehicles beyond the two allowed per campsite are permitted at this time. Only credit card payments will be accepted at Schwarz, Pine Meadows and Primitive. Patrons visiting Ivan Oakes Campground are asked to make payment using the honor vault on site. Army Corps officials add that their staff, camp hosts and volunteers will also be practicing physical distancing. And officials remind you to be kind and patient with your fellow campers and staff. /

CRIME: Investigators with the Junction City Police Department are thanking everyone for their tips yesterday as they and other law enforcement agencies searched for a man they said was armed and extremely dangerous. 44-year-old Victor Burgoyne (burr-GOYN') was arrested late last night in Eugene after a trying to elude police and crashing his vehicle into some blackberry bushes on Highway 99 just south of the Beltline Highway. He was taken to the hospital for evaluation and is expected to face multiple charges in the case. Burgoyne was wanted in connection with a pair of incidents on Tuesday, when officials believe he that morning fire round into a home in Junction City inhabited by a friend of his estranged girlfriend and firing multiple rounds Tuesday night into a home in Harrisburg occupied by the girlfriend's parents. No one was wounded. Investigators said Burgoyne had made multiple threatening calls and texts to his estranged girlfriend and had threatened to kill multiple other family members and friends if the girlfriend did not meet with him. He also claimed to be suicidal. Multiple law enforcement agencies are involved in the case, including the Junction City, Eugene, and Oregon State Police, along with the Lane and Linn County Sheriff's Offices. Burgoyne was sentenced to 12 years in prison in the mid-2000s for beating and almost killing his now ex-wife. /

HEALTH: Oregon's first 2020 case of rabies in a bat was confirmed this week in Lane County. Officials say a South Eugene resident was in their yard at about 9 p.m. on a recent evening when a bat flew directly into them. The bat was stunned by the impact and fell to the ground. Health investigators say the person safely collected the bat and reported the incident to Lane County Public Health, which sent it to the Oregon State Veterinary Lab for testing and where the presence of rabies was detected. As a precaution, the South Eugene resident received a rabies post-exposure prophylaxis treatment. The rabies virus infects the central nervous system of mammals, ultimately causing disease in the brain and death. Rabes occurs occasionally in wild animals like bats, raccoons, skunks, and foxes, although any mammal can contract rabies. State health officials say this case is a reminder to keep pets vaccinated and consider avoiding areas where bats fly and feed—usually around dusk. If you live in an area where bats are present, make sure all windows have screens. /

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WEATHER, ENVIRONMENT: Those lightning storms along the Cascades yesterday evening prompted warnings from forecasters in Southern Oregon. The storms knocked out power to more than 18,000 customers in Jackson County, spurring a warning to boaters on some mountain lakes to head for shore, and came amid reports of half-inch diameter hail from one powerful weather cell near Diamond Lake. The lightning show was visible from Eugene-Springfield, accompanied by occasional distant thunder. But most of the Lane County lightning strikes were in the mountains outside Oakridge and up the McKenzie. / COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, FAMILY, YOUTH, RECREATION, COMMUNITY. EVENTS: The Oregon Health Authority reported 178 new confirmed coronavirus cases Thursday, marking the highest daily count in the state since the start of the pandemic. Officials said part of the reason for the increased case number is due to the expansion of "widespread availability of testing, increased contact tracing, active monitoring of close contacts of cases" and recent workplace outbreaks. Thursday's cases bring the new total number of people who have tested positive for coronavirus in Oregon to 5,237. In addition, two more people have died from the disease, raising the state's death toll to 171, the Oregon Health Authority reported. The second highest daily case count in the state was 146 cases Sunday, June 7. ; Oregon Governor Kate Brown said Thursday evening that the big jump in COVID-19 infections in many counties is cause for concern. In response, she is putting all county applications for further reopening on hold for seven days. Lane and 28 other counties will remain in their Phase Two reopening. But Portland's Multnomah County, which is one area seeing a spike in infections, still has not been approved for Phase One but had submitted its application earlier this week, hoping for approval to begin reopening today. But state health officials say contact tracers in Multnomah County have been unable to determine the source of infection in 40 percent of that counties new COVID-19 cases. Three other Oregon counties—Marion, Polk, and Hood River—have also submitted reopening plans to the Governor's Office to move from Phase One to Phase Two. But officials with the Oregon Health Authority say Marion and Polk counties have seen big jumps in coronavirus cases this week and Hood River County is dealing with outbreaks in multiple workplaces. In her news release, Governor Brown says the one-week pause on such applications is, quote, "essentially a statewide 'yellow light.'" She says the pause will give public health experts time to assess what factors are driving the spread of the virus and determine if adjustments are needed to the state's reopening approach. ; Experts with the Oregon Health Authority officials say they are not surprised that there has been an increase of COVID-19 cases. Director Patrick Allen says part of that is an increase in testing as well as targeted testing of vulnerable populations in long-term care facilities, workplaces including the agricultural and food processing

sectors where physical distancing is difficult, and among close contacts of previously diagnosed cases. State data indicates that last week more than 20,500 tests were conducted. But Allen says expanded testing is not the only reason for the uptick in cases. He says counties have added the number of contact tracers, which has led to the discovery of more confirmed and presumptive cases. And Allen says as counties continue their reopenings, with many entering Phase Two, there is more opportunity for casual infection. Allen says it is still too early to determine how quickly the virus is spreading in Phase Two counties. But he says during this time Oregonians should continue to practice physical distancing, wash their hands, cover their mouth when they cough, and wear a face shield or cloth mask in areas where it is difficult to properly physically distance. The key, says Allen, is to manage new cases and outbreaks in a way that does not overwhelm Oregon's hospitals and health care systems. For most, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death. ; Officials with the Oregon Health Authority yesterday reported 178 new confirmed COVID-19 cases statewide, the highest daily count since the start of the pandemic. Two more people have died from COVID-19 in Oregon, pushing the cumulative death toll since late February to 171. State health officials say part of the reason for the increased case number is increased testing, including active monitoring of those with close contact to recently diagnosed patients. But many of the new cases are tied to workplace outbreaks. Oregon's first COVID-19 case was diagnosed in late February. Our cumulative total now stands at 5,237. Among active and presumptive cases, 130 patients are hospitalized statewide. Thirty-nine are being treated in intensive-care units and 19 of those are on ventilators. More than 161,643 Oregonians have been tested for COVID-19. ; Lane County Public Health officials are investigating two new cases of COVID-19, which puts the number of active cases at seven. Those patients are resting at home. None are hospitalized. Officials say the two newest patients are people in their 40s who reside in the Eugene-Springfield area. Both infections have been linked to previously diagnosed cases. Since the pandemic arrived in our area, there have been 82 confirmed cases and two presumptive cases. COVID-19 has been tied to three deaths in Lane County since mid-March. And while there have been a handful of new cases this week, Lane County Public Health officials say none of the cases have been linked to local protests supporting the Black Lives Matter movement. Many of those participating in the rallies and marches are practicing physical distancing and wearing face shields. At least 14,853 people have been tested locally for the coronavirus. ; They're conducting inspections, removing safety tape, and adding signs about staying healthy. Both the City of Eugene's Parks Division and Springfield's Willamalane are reopening playgrounds in their parks. Eugene reopens more than 50 playgrounds today. Willamalane reopens its playgrounds tomorrow. That said, there are a few things parks officials want you to know before you and your kids head to the playground. For starters, playground equipment will NOT be sanitized by Parks staff. There's simply no way for them to follow every child around and wipe down every piece of equipment—be it a swing, slide or climbing structure—after they've touched it. With the coronavirus still circulating locally, you'll want to understand the possible health risks and make sure you and the children wash their hands before and after visiting playgrounds and bring your own hand sanitizer and/or sanitizing wipes. Kids love to run around and play with other kids. But health officials and parks manager encourage you to help youngsters maintain physical distancing and try to play only with kids from the same household. Most importantly, you and the kiddos should stay home if any of you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or might have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days. ; After a two-month delay, the Eugene Saturday Market opens on Saturday, June

13, for its 50th Anniversary season. The pandemic is prompting some changes. Vendors are being divided into two groups by booth number: Those with odd-numbered booths will be on site this weekend. even-numbered booth vendors will be on-hand next weekend. The market is open Saturdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., rain or shine. Look for the craft and food booth vendors on the park Blocks at 8th and Oak Streets in Eugene. Market merchants ask you to wear a face shield and follow physical distancing guidelines. Not able to attend? The Eugene Saturday Market also has an online marketplace. ; Drive-in movies are making a big comeback during the pandemic. Suddenly, large parking lots offer the possibility of nighttime entertainment with plenty of physical distancing. Next Friday, June 19, the Lane Events Center at the Lane County Fairgrounds in Eugene is starting its "Summer Midway Movie Series." You'll be able to relax in your vehicle and even purchase snacks from some regular vendors at the annual Lane County Fair who will deliver it to your car. The series begins with a showing of "Grease" on Friday, June 19, and "Knives Out" on Saturday, June 20. Tickets go on sale Monday, June 15, at 9:00 a.m. online at the fair's website, www.atthefair.com Look for the "Summer Midway Movies" link. Tickets are \$20.00 per vehicle if purchased online and \$23.00 if purchased the day of the movie screening. But since there are a limited number of parking spaces, you're encouraged to go online and purchase your ticket early. Organizers plan to offer different movies every Friday and Saturday through the end of August. The only weekend they are skipping is fourth of July Weekend. Parking will allow for plenty of physical distancing vehicles. Event staff will wear face coverings and gloves. The Lane Events Center Summer Midway Movie Series is sponsored in part by Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission. / SPORTS: Nice honors for University of Oregon athletes Satou Sabally and Justin Herbert. Yesterday, they were awarded the Pac-12's Tom Hansen Conference Medal for 2019-20, which recognizes the outstanding male and female graduating student-athletes from each conference member school. The award is based on scholarship, athletics and leadership. / RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING, COMMUNITY, MENTAL HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: KVAL-TV reports hundreds of people gathered at Monroe Park in Eugene for a Black Lives Matter protest and march Thursday evening. It was the 14th day in a row that active protests took place in the city. An organizer says the primary goal for Thursday's protest is to remember two young black boys that were killed: Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old boy killed in a Cleveland, Ohio, park by a police officer in 2014, and Trayvon Martin, a 17-year-old shot and killed in a Florida gated community in 2012. Protesters also planned a short march from Monroe Park to Jefferson Park. ; Members of the local Black-Led Action Coalition, as well as ethnic organizations H.O.N.E.Y., xCape, and members of the local black community are holding an event on Saturday, June 20, at Eugene's Alton Baker Park. "Juneteenth Celebration Eugene" marks the anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the United States. It showcases Black-owned businesses, Black-owned food carts, and Black performing artists. There will also be speakers and updates on the local push for racial justice. Saturday's event at Alton Baker Park runs from noon to 6 p.m. Admission is free and all ages are welcome. ; San Francisco is the latest American city working to establish a program modeled on the CAHOOTS program here in Eugene-Springfield. CAHOOTS, which stands for "Crisis Intervention Helping Out On The Streets," focuses on limiting unnecessary confrontations between police and the community. The community-based crisis response program uses people trained in mental health, medical and social work to assist people suffering from mental health-, homelessness- or addiction-related emergencies. Sometimes, the assistance simply involves counseling and a quick transport to a shelter or medical facility in the CAHOOTS van. The non-profit, non-government program was founded by Eugene's White Bird Clinic more than 30 years ago and responded to close to 23,000 calls each pf the past two years. By providing an

alternative to police responses, CAHOOTS responders estimate they have dramatically reduced the number of non-criminal arrests and saved millions of dollars in local medical costs. The group's annual budget is about \$2 million but it handles close to 20 percent of the calls recorded by Eugene Police dispatchers. Earlier this week, the Eugene City Council began a discussion of whether to shift more funding to CAHOOTS to from the local law enforcement budget. Across the country, dozens of cities—including Portland, Denver, Chicago, and New York City—have requested information about CAHOOTS or sent people to Eugene-Springfield to see firsthand how its teams operate. In San Francisco, officials say their version of CAHOOTS would reduce the times police would need to respond to calls such as disputes between neighbors, reports on homeless people, school discipline interventions and other non-criminal activities. Instead, the city would dispatch unarmed professionals trained in de-escalation. ; Across Oregon, prosecutors have added their support for a legislative bill that would help ensure disciplinary actions against officers cannot later be reversed by an outside arbitrator. In doing so, the Oregon District Attorneys' Association joins state police chiefs, sheriffs and a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers in urging Governor Kate Brown to convene a special session this summer to consider the proposal, which twice failed during regular legislative sessions. The effort to approve new police accountability legislation comes as daily protests for racial justice continue in Eugene, Portland, and a number of other Oregon communities. ; A newly redeveloped park in Northeast Portland is being renamed to honor a prominent black female leader and remove a controversial name with racist connotations. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the lawns and playground formerly known as Lynchview Park is being renamed the Verdell Burdine Rutherford Park. Rutherford was a civil rights leader and historian who lived in Oregon from 1913 to 2001. As president of the Portland chapter of the NAACP, she helped pass the 1953 Public Accommodations Bill, also known as the Oregon Civil Rights Bill. The bill outlawed discrimination in public places on the basis of "race, religion, color or national origin." / CRIME: (TB-Various) – Investigators say the man wanted for firing shots at homes in Junction City and Harrisburg on Tuesday and making multiple threats against his estranged girlfriend, her family and friends, has died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. It came after police located 44-year-old Victor Burgoyne (burr-GOYN') in the North Danebo area on Wednesday night and he fled a traffic stop. The chase ended when law enforcement deployed spike strips bear Highway 99 and the Beltline Highway. The Lane County Sheriff's Office said yesterday in a news release that Burgoyne stopped the vehicle in the middle of Highway 99 a short time later and shot himself as officers arrived. Investigators say that's when Burgoyne's vehicle veered off the roadway and came to a stop in near Highway 99 and McDougal Street. Burgoyne was transported to a hospital for treatment but later was declared deceased. ; It wasn't just weapons that Lane County investigators seized on Wednesday as they made four arrests at a residence off West Lane County's Poodle Creek Road near Highway 126. In addition to recovering multiple guns—including two reported as stolen—Sheriff's investigators say they recovered a military smoke canister, a homemade silencer, a stolen police uniform, and a stolen ATV. Investigators say 37-year-old Dustin Joshua Conn of Veneta is charged with being a Felon in Possession of a Weapon and a Parole Violation. 20-year-old Timothy Bryce Shafer of Noti was arrested for Theft in the First Degree, Possession of a Prohibited Firearm, and Firearms Transfer by an Unlicensed Person. 30-year-old Miles Patrick Smith of Eugene is charged with being a Felon in Possession of a Weapon, Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, and a Parole Violation. And 58-year-old Joseph Dwain Swenson of Eugene was arrested and cited in Lieu of Custody for being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Investigators say the Department of Human Services also responded during the search to evaluate the welfare of four children at the location. ; Eugene Police say they've arrested a suspect in a series of burglaries

at three Bethel-area businesses during a two-week period. Detectives say security camera video and forensic evidence helped them tie 31-year-old Andres Varillas of Eugene to the break-ins, which occurred between May 20 and June 2. Investigators say the combined loss is close to \$15,000 in stolen merchandise and damage to the business when the suspect broke windows to get inside. Police say Varillas burglarized the Bi-Mart on Royal Avenue three, the Big Lots on Echo Hollow Road once, and El Charro Mexican Restaurant on Royal once. /

SAFETY: Investigators used newer DNA techniques to help identify the skeletal remains found in 2016 near the coastal community of Gardiner as a Eugene woman. It was a challenge because when a fisherman spotted the remains they were badly weathered, having been at the edge of a waterway for between one and three years. Officials with the Douglas County Sheriff's Office say specialists with the company DNA Solutions last year created a new type of DNA profile and compared it with results posted to the family genealogy website, GEDMatch. The analysis led investigators to a possible family member of Genelle McDaniel. Investigators say McDaniel was born in 1954 and was never reported as a missing person. Officials do not think she died from foul play. /

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Two historic statues were toppled Saturday night on the University of Oregon campus. The Register-Guard first reported that the statues, known as The Pioneer and The Pioneer Mother, were knocked off their pedestals by a small group of protesters. No one has claimed responsibility. Reporter Dana Sparks wrote that the 13-foot-tall Pioneer, commonly known as the Pioneer Father, was dragged to the steps of Johnson Hall, the main administration building on campus. For years, some have called for the removal of the statues, saying they celebrate White expansionism in the West and the destruction of Native American communities and cultures. University of Oregon officials issued a statement Saturday evening saying they support peaceful protest and vigorous expression of ideas, but cannot condone acts of vandalism. The statement noted that last week, U-of-O President Michael Schill recommended that the Board of Trustees remove the name of Deady Hall from the campus' oldest building amid concerns about university co-founder Matthew Deady's racist past. Schill also announced last week that he wanted a campus committee to consider whether statues or monuments on campus, including the two Pioneer statues, should be removed. In the meantime, U-of-O officials say the Pioneer statues have been placed in safe storage while their future is considered. The toppling of the statues came during an otherwise peaceful weekend of protests in Eugene that included a Saturday march and rally with speeches and educational presentations in parts of downtown and Alton Baker Park. PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The sentencing for a man convicted of fatally stabbing two people who tried to stop his racist tirade against two young black women on a Portland, Oregon, light-rail train has been set for June 23. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports logistical details of the Jeremy Christian's sentencing amid the coronavirus pandemic are pending. A jury in February found Christian guilty of the deaths of Taliesin Namkai-Meche and Ricky Best. He also was convicted of attempted murder for stabbing survivor Micah Fletcher and assault and menacing for shouting slurs and throwing a bottle at a black woman on another train the day before the May 26, 2017, stabbings. / COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, CRIME, GOVERNMENT, LEGAL, TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNITY, SAFETY, YOUTH, SCHOOLS, LOW-INCOME: Another big increase in the number of coronavirus cases in Oregon over the weekend, as the state logged 158 new cases on Saturday and 101 on Sunday. State health officials reported three more deaths over the weekend, bringing the total to 176 since late February. Officials last week said part of the reason for the increased case numbers is increased testing, including active monitoring of those with close contact to recently diagnosed patients. Many of the new cases are tied to workplace outbreaks. But there are also concerns that relaxed rules related to Phase Two reopenings in more than two dozen Oregon

counties and larger gatherings over the Memorial Day holiday weekend also might have fueled infections. Oregon's first COVID-19 case was diagnosed in late February. Our cumulative total now stands at 5,636. Among active and presumptive cases, 133 patients are hospitalized statewide. Forty-seven are being treated in intensive-care units and 15 of those are on ventilators. More than 166,000 Oregonians have been tested for COVID-19. ; Lane County Public Health reported several new cases over the weekend, putting our local total at 89. Seven of those are considered active cases, all of whom are resting at home. At least 15,257 people have been tested locally for the coronavirus. ; Oregon Governor Kate Brown has asked for state corrections officials to compile a list names of inmates who might be eligible for possible early release to limit the spread of COVID-19 in the state prison system. She says she would like that list by next Monday, June 22. The Oregonian and OregonLive report officials with the state Department of Corrections were asked to perform a "case-by-case analysis" of inmates who are vulnerable to the coronavirus and meet the outlined criteria for possible commutation. The criteria include inmates who are particularly vulnerable, those who have not been convicted of a crime against another person and those who have served at least half of their sentences, department officials said. About 100 inmates were identified. Studies show distancing is a challenge in prisons and jails because people live in close quarters. Older adults, including inmates, are more vulnerable to deadly complications from the virus. A 2018 study also shows Oregon has an aging prison population and houses the highest percentage of inmates over age 55 in the country. The Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem has confirmed more than 100 inmates and several employees have tested positive for COVID-19, the department said. Many inmates have refused testing for fear they will be transferred to an even more restrictive setting so the number of cases may be underrepresented. Inmates would be required to take a COVID-19 test before release and anyone with symptoms or who has tested positive would be ineligible for release until they have recovered. The Oregon District Attorneys Association said in a statement Friday that it has "significant public safety concerns about prison inmates being released prior to the completion of their sentences." Corrections Chief Colette Peters has said the department is working closely with "our community public safety and public health partners throughout this process to protect the public to the best of our ability." Three other prisons have confirmed cases, officials said. There were 25 cases at Shutter Creek Correctional Institution in North Bend, nine cases at Santiam Correctional Institution in Salem and one case at Two Rivers Correctional Institution in Umatilla. ; The Oregon Supreme Court on Friday upheld Governor Kate Brown's shutdown orders aimed at stemming the coronavirus pandemic and she prohibited county officials from loosening restrictions for at least a week amid a spike in virus cases. The state's high court overturned a ruling by a judge in southeast Oregon's Malheur County, who had determined that Brown's restriction of activities during the coronavirus pandemic was "null and void" because it was subjected to a time limit. But justices on the Oregon Supreme Court said Brown's powers under the state of emergency she declared March 8 continue until it is ended either by her or the Legislature. Baker County Circuit Judge Matthew Shirtcliff ruled in May on behalf of 10 churches that Brown erred by not seeking the Legislature's approval to extend the stay-at-home orders beyond a 28-day limit. Brown did refer to a statute in her emergency orders that imposes such a limit, but the Oregon Supreme Court said the state of emergency, which has no set time limit, prevails. Furthermore, while the state Supreme Court acknowledged that closing churches and businesses caused harm, Justice Christopher Garrett wrote that keeping people safe was more important. The justice opined that the circuit court judge did not give sufficient attention to the governor's role, in emergency situations such as the COVID-19 pandemic, in determining what is in the public interest, and it did not give the necessary

consideration to the harm that would result if her orders were enjoined. The Oregon Supreme Court earlier had temporarily halted Shirtcliff's order after a request by the governor. ; Talk about pent-up demand: Two weeks ago, the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles began accepting requests for in-person appointments. It jammed phone lines early and often and now we have a better sense of why: DMV officials said on Friday that they have logged more than 100,000 requests for appointments. Another 40,000 customers have received at least one phone call attempt by a DMV appointment scheduler. DMV officials say they will continue adding offices and appointment slots and increase their capacity to set appointments in the days ahead. In just one 24-hour period late last week, the Oregon DMV received 11,678 new appointment requests through its online form resulting in 30,690 customers awaiting an initial callback. The average wait time is 4-5 days for the initial contact by DMV, and the calls are made in the order that request forms are received. DMV opened 38 offices with priority services accessible by appointment on June 3. The currently open offices are available for appointments for a limited number of services, including: Driver license, permit and ID card issuances; Driver knowledge tests; Disabled parking permits; Farm endorsements; and VIN inspections. Many services, such as vehicle titles and registration, for now only remain available via mail or at www.OregonDMV.com A law enforcement grace period on expired licenses and vehicle registration is in effect at least through October 1. The grace period is intended to allow Oregon residents to continue driving while they are waiting for an appointment or allow you to delay visiting a DMV office until the backlog eases. Law enforcement can verify the status of a driver or vehicle electronically during a traffic stop. Check DMV2U.Oregon.gov to see the online DMV services. ; More people are walking, jogging, bicycling, and riding skateboards and scooters on Eugene's streets. But as traffic returns during the Phase Two reopening, there are more cars, as well, and at times things are getting a bit crowded and potentially dangerous. This evening, members of the Eugene City Council are considering an ordinance that would reduce speed limits on most neighborhood residential streets from 25 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour. Why 20 miles per hour? Experts say it comes down to reaction time and reducing injuries. Lower vehicle speeds help prevent crashes by giving drivers and those on the roadway extra time to react. And slower-speed crashes usually result in fewer injuries and deaths. The city has been working for years to eliminate serious traffic injuries and fatalities through its "Vision Zero" Plan. Supporters say lowering vehicle speeds is another big step to making that happen—especially as more individuals and families adopt a healthier lifestyle. The virtual Eugene city council meeting and public hearing takes place this evening at 7:30 p.m. [To attend the virtual public hearing and make public comments, visit: https://www.eugene-or.gov/3360/Webcasts-and-Meeting-Materials](https://www.eugene-or.gov/3360/Webcasts-and-Meeting-Materials) ; Are rental scooters coming to Eugene? The topic on the agenda for this evening's meeting of the Eugene City Council, which is accepting public comment as it reviews a proposal to authorize an e-scooter program. Officials say the scooters would be categorized as "electric micromobility devices" that would include electric bikes, electric scooters, and electric skateboards. During a pilot program, the e-scooter rentals would be allowed to operate on most of Eugene's shared-use paths—such as the bicycle and pedestrian paths along the Willamette River. But they would not be allowed on paths in East Alton Baker Park. If council members authorize the e-scooter program, they would also create a licensing requirement for businesses that rent such devices. ; Nice to see so many community members and businesspeople stepping up to help children during the pandemic. With school activities canceled during the spring, lots of people are bicycling. But not every child has a bike. Enter Christopher Bettis with Fluent Mortgage, who contacted the staff with the City of Springfield's Economic Development office in April with an idea. Bettis began working with the Springfield Public Schools' "Safe Routes to Schools"

Coordinator Laughton Elliott-DeAngelis to purchase and distribute bikes, scooters, and safety helmets to local kids. Bettis was able to purchase bikes, scooters, and even a few skateboards. District officials said they were able to provide the wheeled transportation and helmets to 65 Springfield students, which will help them stay active and healthy this summer. Springfield School officials say they are grateful for the donation since there is a national shortage of bicycles and scooters. ; What's for dinner this week? The Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Oregon seafood industry, and Oregon Sea Grant hope it includes local seafood. Oregon's seafood sector includes people who fish, clam, crab, process, market and sell, along with the related businesses and families that rely on them. But the pandemic and related restaurant closures have reduced demand. Now, there's a new campaign: #EatOregonSeafood that encourages Oregonians to purchase and prepare Oregon seafood at home. The campaign has also enlisted some of the region's top chefs, foodies, bloggers, and influencers to post recipes, photos, and cooking videos of their favorite seafood-themed dishes on social media. From June through August, they will share recipes and tips to make seafood at home this summer. Participating chefs will be announced in the coming weeks. Some Oregon's fishing families also will share their favorite recipes. To find fresh, local seafood in your area, consumers can use Oregon Sea Grant's webpage called "Eat Oregon Seafood" at beav.es/EatOregonSeafood In addition to showing where to buy local seafood, the "Eat Oregon Seafood" webpage offers tips on when and what types of fish and seafood to purchase, how to freeze, smoke and prepare seafood at home, and has a selection of recipes for making various seafood-themed dishes, which will expand over the coming months. This initiative is a collaboration of the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission, Oregon Albacore Commission, Oregon Trawl Commission, Oregon Salmon Commission, Oregon State University Extension Service, Oregon Sea Grant, Positively Groundfish and the Oregon Department of Agriculture. ; Recreation sites continue to reopen this month on the Siuslaw National Forest. Last Friday, most remaining day-use sites, including the Drift Creek Falls Trailhead and recreation sites along the Horsfall and Siltcoos corridors reopened, with the exception of the Sand Lake recreation sites. On Thursday, many Siuslaw National Forest campgrounds reopen, but some remain closed for now, including Canal Creek, Riveredge, and the Cape Perpetua group campgrounds in Lincoln County and campgrounds. Sand camping also remains closed for now at the Sand Lake Recreation Area. But one week later, on June 25, all of the Sand Lake Recreation Area, including campgrounds, sand camping, and day-use sites. Siuslaw National Forest officials say they delayed the Sand Lake reopenings at the request of local community members and officials, who wanted to make sure they were ready to host visitors. Even as sites reopen, staffing, cleaning and maintenance might be limited. Some restrooms might be closed and trash collection might be temporarily suspended. You're encouraged to plan ahead, pack hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes, and pack out your trash. For more information and the complete list of recreation sites opening on this month, as well as what to expect when camping, visit <http://go.usa.gov/xdzAE> The website is updated regularly. The list of open sites might change with little notice. Visitors should review the list before leaving home to ensure their destination is open for use. / SAFETY: Eugene-Springfield Fire responded to a house fire early Sunday morning on the 1800 block of Todd Street in Eugene. Crews say when they arrived there was heavy fire at the front of the home. The occupants were outside but told firefighters their five cats were missing. Crews found the five cats alive, but one needed oxygen, which was administered at the scene. The house suffered moderate fire damage and extensive smoke damage. / EDUCATION, YOUTH: Any readers out there? One of the best gifts you can give a child is the gift of reading. Our local SMART Reading program is taking part in a great fundraiser that includes a drawing for a prize that is a book lover's

dream. Portland's Powell's Books is offering the chance to win a private shopping spree and a \$200 Powell's gift card (good for online and in-store purchases). To be entered in the drawing, all you have to do is make an online gift of \$40 or more to SMART Reading by midnight tonight. Each \$40 gift provides a backpack of 14 books to a child in your community. A \$100 donation provides one book each to a whole classroom of students. Your donation to SMART Reading will continue to get books into the hands of kids this summer and in the school year to come.

Learn more at smartreading.org or on the TracyKGNU Facebook page. /

ENVIRONMENT: Monday, June 15, is the final day for outdoor burning for most Lane County residents until October. The season, which runs from October 1 to June 15, will close as scheduled. Yard debris may not be burned during the closed season. If you need to dispose of debris after today, consider taking it to Lane Forest Products, Rexius, or Lane County's transfer stations and dumpsites. Composting and chipping are also encouraged. Violations for burning during the closed season can range from \$50 to \$2,500 or more. The reopening of outdoor burning season is decided by the Lane County Fire Defense Board. Usually the season resumes on October 1 but can be delayed in response to high fire risks in the county. The season's status is listed online at www.LRAPA.org as well as on the agency's daily outdoor open burning advisory hotline at 541-726-3976.

Coastal residents can call 541-997-1757. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, RECREATION: Crews with the Willamette National Forest are temporarily closing access to two popular sites: Tamolitch Falls—known as Blue Pool—and Sahalie (suh-HAY'-lee) Falls. Starting today (Monday, June 15) and continuing through Thursday, June 18, construction on safety improvements will close a portion of the McKenzie River National Scenic Trail between Trail Bridge reservoir and Tamolitch Falls (Blue Pool). The parking lot for Sahalie Falls and associated section of the McKenzie River Trail will close June 22-26 while safety rails are installed. McKenzie Ranger District officials say they know these are popular sites, which is why they are keeping access open on weekends. They are also reminding summer visitors to Tamolitch Falls (Blue Pool) and Sahalie Falls to stay safe during their visit: Cliff diving is discouraged. The water in Blue Pool is below 40 degrees and can trigger a "cold shock" response, making it harder to breathe and swim. Alcohol and drugs can further impair your situational awareness. The banks of Blue Pool are steep, making it challenging to get out. And even though the water looks shallow, it is 35 feet deep. Pay attention to posted warning signs. Stay on established trails and enjoy the view from overlooks. Do not jump off waterfalls or dive into waterfall pools. Unseen objects, such as logs and boulders, may be just under the water's surface. Never swim or wade upstream near a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. The currents close to the falls can pull swimmers over the edge. / AGRICULTURE: A fourth Asian giant hornet has been found in northwest Washington. The Capital Press reports a wiggling queen hornet was stepped on by a Bellingham resident, who reported it June 6 to the state Department of Agriculture. The USDA confirmed this week it was an Asian giant hornet. The hornet was found about 15 miles from where one was discovered May 27 and about 20 miles from where two were seen in December. The hornets are deadly to honeybees. The state agriculture department will hang traps in the Bellingham area this summer in hopes of learning whether the hornets are becoming established and a threat to pollinators. / LEGAL, HUMAN RIGHTS, GOVERNMENT: The U.S. Supreme Court today ruled that a landmark civil rights law protects LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) people from discrimination in employment, a resounding victory for LGBT rights from a conservative court. The court decided by a 6-3 vote that a key provision of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 known as Title VII that bars job discrimination because of sex, among other reasons, encompasses bias against LGBT workers. In the majority opinion, Justice Neil Gorsuch wrote that. quote, "An employer who fires an individual for being homosexual or transgender fires

that person for traits or actions it would not have questioned in members of a different sex.” Justices Samuel Alito, Brett Kavanaugh and Clarence Thomas dissented. The outcome is expected to have a big impact for the estimated 8.1 million LGBT workers across the country because most states don’t protect them from workplace discrimination. An estimated 11.3 million LGBT people live in the U.S., according to the Williams Institute at the UCLA law school. The cases were the court’s first on LGBT rights since Justice Anthony Kennedy’s retirement and replacement by Kavanaugh. Kennedy was a voice for gay rights and the author of the landmark ruling in 2015 that made same-sex marriage legal throughout the United States. Kavanaugh generally is regarded as more conservative. The Trump administration had changed course from the Obama administration, which had supported LGBT workers in their discrimination claims under Title VII. The Supreme Court cases involved two gay men and a transgender woman who sued for employment discrimination after they lost their jobs. ; Oregon’s U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley, the lead author of the *Equality Act*, released called the ruling an important victory. Merkley noted that in 2013, he led the Senate in passing bipartisan legislation to ban employment discrimination against LGBTQ Americans but the U.S. House of Representatives failed to take up that legislation. /

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RECREATION, TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT: Oregon's historic Highway 242, the "Old McKenzie Highway," yesterday opened to motor vehicles for the summer season. The route winds through Oregon's scenic Cascade mountains from Highway 126 near Belknap Springs to U.S. Highway 20 near the Central Oregon community of Sisters. It is part of the McKenzie Pass - Santiam Pass National Scenic Byway. The pavement follows much of the first route over the McKenzie Pass, "Craig's McKenzie Salt Springs/Deschutes Wagon Road," which was completed in 1872. The Old McKenzie Highway is plowed every spring and closes when the first snowfall begins in early autumn. The scenery includes forests—predominantly Douglas fir on the west and Ponderosa pine and Lodgepole pine on the east. Along the way, there are lava beds, topped by the historic Dee Wright Observatory at McKenzie Pass. This is a winding road with a number of tight, almost hairpin turns. Motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians need to keep an eye out for others and take proper precautions. Vehicles longer than 35 feet are prohibited from using the highway. / RECREATION, COMMUNITY: It's one of the more unusual chapters in Oregon's coastal history and now it's inspired the name of the City of Florence's newest park. In 1970, a dead gray whale washed ashore on a beach in Florence. It was too big to move so state transportation workers decided to dynamite it. Big mistake. The blast threw chunks of blubber in the air and more than 100 feet, damaging one car and showering spectators and workers with whale gore. Now, a new Florence city park is named for the event: Exploding Whale Memorial Park. It was the winner in a public vote on the new name. / COVID-19: HEALTH, RELIGION, EDUCATION, ELDERS, BUSINESS: It is a single-day record for new coronavirus infections in the state. Officials with the Oregon Health Authority yesterday reported 184 new positive tests for COVID-19 and four more deaths. It includes an outbreak of 99 cases in Eastern Oregon's Union County, many of which appear connected to services at the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church in the town of Island City, near La Grande. It came after officials began investigating a cluster of cases last week and conducted 365 tests of people connected to the church or who might have been in close contact with those individuals. Reporters for The La Grande Observer write that the church held services in April and May, despite Governor Kate Brown's executive orders limiting gatherings, and recently held a wedding and a graduation ceremony with more than 100 people at each event. According to posts on the Lighthouse Church's Facebook page, members of the church began meeting outside for services April 12 with a "drive-up" service where people remained in or near their cars while the worship team and church leaders held the service. Church leaders also offered an online stream of the service. But The La Grande Observer reports the church's videos of services in April and the first half of May show dozens of parishioners gathered in the church parking lot

around a central stage, ignoring the restriction on crowd sizes. The video from the April 26 services shows church leaders and members engaged in the practice of the laying on of hands during prayer. Participants were close enough to rub shoulders and no one was wearing face coverings. The video of the May 6 services shows churchgoers side by side. Again, no one in the videos appear to be wearing face masks. During Mother's Day, May 10, a pastor invited all the mother's in the audience to come forth for recognition. Numerous women lined up next to one-another, only two or three feet apart at the most, and once more no one wore a mask. The church announced on its Facebook page Saturday that it canceled Sunday's service "due to recent outbreaks." Reporters with The Observer made numerous attempts Monday to contact the church, but there was no response. Oregon's first COVID-19 case was diagnosed in late February. Our cumulative total now stands at 5,820. Among active and presumptive cases, 125 patients are hospitalized statewide. Fifty are being treated in intensive-care units and 19 of those are on ventilators. More than 175,000 Oregonians have been tested for COVID-19. ; University of Oregon officials said yesterday that one of their students tested positive for the coronavirus on Friday. With Spring Term wrapping up and classes online, the post on the U-of-O website notes that the individual had minimal contact with the campus community. It adds that public health officials are conducting contact tracing and monitoring those who might have come in close contact with the patient. The student is recovering from their illness. ; Lane County Public Health officials yesterday released details on three new positive tests for COVID-19, all residents of Eugene-Springfield. They include a child under the age of ten whose infection was linked to a previously diagnosed case and was discovered during contact tracing. Officials say the youngster is recovering. The second patient is a teenager who contracted the virus from someone else in their household. They, too, are recovering from their illness. The third person is in their late 30s and their infection is also a case of household transmission. They are also recovering. The new cases put our cumulative Lane County COVID-19 total at 88 confirmed and two presumptive cases. Only eight of those are currently considered "active" and those patients are resting and recovering at their homes. At least 16,172 people have been tested locally for the coronavirus. ; State officials say they have finalized a plan for statewide COVID-19 testing of patients and staff in Oregon's long-term care facilities that serve more than five residents. Beginning next week and continuing through the end of September, testing will begin in every facility for all staff members. Residents will be offered testing. The effort focuses on the more than 680 large, long-term care facilities statewide, which combined provide care for an estimated 31,000 residents and employ 29,000 staff. Residents and staff at nursing facilities in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill, Marion, and Polk counties will be prioritized as these counties account for the majority of outbreaks in Oregon's long-term care facilities. Testing then will shift to assisted living and residential care facilities with memory care units in those counties, followed by facilities without memory care. This same sequence will then roll out in other counties statewide. Once the initial round of testing is complete, facilities will develop and implement plans for ongoing monitoring of residents and staff, including testing all staff at least once per month. Those plans will be reviewed and approved by the Oregon Department of Human Services' Office of Aging and People with Disabilities. Long-term care facilities will be required to report results to their local public health authority and the DHS. Facility staff participation is required; residents who decline a test, and are symptomatic, will need to be quarantined. To ensure individuals' privacy, the only publicly released information from the testing will be aggregate data on cases and deaths at for facilities with outbreaks. Positive test results at facilities with three or more cases will be added to the Oregon Health Authority's COVID-19 Weekly Report, which is updated every Wednesday. In addition, lists of facilities reporting current or suspected cases of

COVID-19 will continue to be available to the public on the DHS website. These lists are updated every Tuesday and Friday. ; They say they have cut the backlog from more than 38,000 to about 900. Officials with the Oregon Department of Employment say the two-week push to process months of delayed claims for benefits is nearing completion. They hoped to wrap things up by the end of last week. Instead, there were continued efforts over the weekend. Employment officials say the remaining claims are ones they suspect are fairly complex, perhaps because a person had previously filed for benefits from another state, has a complicated work history, or might qualify for a different program. Officials say that in addition to getting 98 percent of the claims backlog processed, they processed another 46,000 more recent filings for initial benefits during the past two-and-a-half weeks. They say they will soon the processing focus to assisting those who have filed for the new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance or “PUA” benefits. Oregon Employment Department officials say the wait time for callers needing assistance remains long but has been reduced to an average 87 minutes. ; Want to see country star Garth Brooks’ streamed concert to more than 300 of America’s drive-in theatres? You will need to buy tickets early and travel up the valley to Newberg or into northeastern Oregon to the city of Milton-Freewater to do it. Brooks is beaming the concert to a select number of drive-ins in the U.S. and Canada on June 27. Tickets go on sale at 9 a.m. Friday online and by phone through Ticketmaster. The cost is \$100 per car or truck. The Oregon locations include the Newberg 99 Drive-In and the M&F Drive-In in Milton-Freewater. The event will include physical distancing guidelines. The concert begins at sundown and will take place rain or shine. / RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY: The focus of last night’s protests in Lane County was over whether police resource officers should be removed from Eugene School District high schools. A number of current and former students led the march from César Chávez Elementary, along West Seventh Avenue, and into the Whiteaker Neighborhood, before arriving at the Eugene School District headquarters on North Monroe Street. Some of the speakers lobbied for reallocating campus police money to enhanced mental health services for students. It comes ahead of Wednesday evening’s meeting of the Eugene School Board, whose members plan to discuss the school resource officer program and the district’s contract with Eugene Police. Some board members attended last night’s rally to hear the protesters’ points of view, but say they are also receiving messages of support for the program. Both sides are circulating petitions—one seeking to remove the school resource officers, another to keep them. ; They will eventually return to a spot on campus, but not where they once stood and not without some historical context. That is the word from University of Oregon President Michael Schill, who yesterday sent a message to the campus community about the weekend toppling of the Pioneer and Pioneer Mother statues. No one from the small group that knocked the statues off their pedestals has publicly claimed responsibility. For years, there have been calls for their removal by those who say the statues glorify White Americans’ westward expansion at the expense of Native American cultures. In his letter, Schill acknowledged that some consider the statues to be symbols of racism and oppression on the U-of-O campus. He also reiterated that while he strongly believes in the power of peaceful protest and the right to free expression and dissent, he condemns the acts of destruction. But last week, Schill says he told the University Senate that the institution would move forward with a process of determining whether the Pioneer statues—as well as other historic monuments and artwork on campus that may be viewed as symbols of oppression—should be taken down. He says he now will ask a campus committee to consider where the statues might be displayed accompanied by appropriate historical context. That might include one of the University of Oregon’s museums. Until then, they will remain in storage. / HUMAN RIGHTS, LEGAL, GOVERNMENT: Justices on the

U.S. Supreme Court yesterday ruled that a landmark civil rights law protects gay, lesbian, and transgender people from discrimination in employment. It is a resounding victory for LGBT rights from a conservative court. The vote was 6-3 in the ruling, which found that a key provision of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that bars job discrimination because of sex, among other reasons, encompasses bias against gay and lesbian workers. The ruling also covers transgender people. It is expected to have a big impact for the estimated 8.1 million LGBT workers across the country because most states do not protect them from workplace discrimination. An estimated 11.3 million LGBT people live in the U.S., according to the Williams Institute at the UCLA law school. ; Yesterday's high court ruling was quickly praised by Oregon top leaders, including Governor Kate Brown, Oregon U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, and Oregon's Fourth District Congressman Peter DeFazio. Merkley is a lead author of legislation which also would provide explicit federal protections in the workplace. It passed the U.S. House of Representatives in May of 2019. But Merkley says it still awaits a vote in the U.S. Senate. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION: We'll start by saying he's fine and recovering from a minor injury. But experts with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Unit say it's a reminder that drugs and alcohol can affect your navigational skills in the wilderness. That includes the dense forests around Central Oregon's Johnny Lake, located about four miles west of Wickiup Reservoir off the west side of Cascades Lakes Highway. Investigators say a 29-year-old Monmouth man was camping on Saturday with family and friends when he and a buddy decided to take a morning walk around 8:00 a.m. The man told rescuers he and his friend stopped for a few minutes to use marijuana and got separated a short time later. The man's camping companions searched the area and couldn't locate him so they called 9-1-1. Twenty-nine Deschutes County Search and Rescue volunteers, along with a number of Sheriff's Deputies and U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement officers joined the search and 13 hours later—around 9 p.m., heard a faint response as they called and blew whistles to try to locate the man. Turned out after he became lost, he suffered a minor injury which made it very difficult for him to walk, so he built himself a small fire to keep warm. The searchers extinguished the warming fire and helped him get back to camp. / SPORTS, EDUCATION: Attorneys have filed a lawsuit against the NCAA in federal court. It seeks to prevent the association from limiting the amount of money athletes can make off their names, images, and likenesses. Oregon women's basketball player Sedona Prince and Arizona State swimmer Grant House are the plaintiffs. The suit seeks class-action status. The legal challenge comes as the NCAA is the process of changing its rules to allow college athletes to earn money from third parties for things such as social media endorsements, sponsorship deals and personal appearances. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEALTH, RELIGION, ELDERS, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, LOW-INCOME: Another grim, single-day record for new coronavirus infections in the state. Officials with the Oregon Health Authority yesterday reported 278 new and presumptive COVID-19 cases. The previous high, set Monday, was 184. The new diagnoses push Oregon's total cases over six thousand, to 6,098, since late February. Officials also reported two new deaths, bringing the cumulative total to 182. The new cases include a staggering 119 in Eastern Oregon's Union County, which reported 99 new cases the day before. The vast majority appear connected to services at the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church in the town of Island City, near La Grande, with five people hospitalized. Officials began investigating a cluster of cases last week and conducted 365 tests of people connected to the church or who might have been in close contact with those individuals. Close to 27,000 people live in Union County and before the outbreak related to the church, the county had logged fewer than 25 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Reporters Ronald Bond and Sabrina Thompson with the The La Grande Observer write that the church held services in April and May, despite Governor Kate Brown's executive orders limiting gatherings, and recently held a wedding and a graduation ceremony with more than 100 people at each event. According to posts with have since been deleted from the Lighthouse Church's Facebook page, members began meeting outside for services April 12 with a "drive-up" service. But The La Grande Observer reports the church's videos of services in April and the first half of May show dozens of parishioners gathered in the church parking lot around a central stage, ignoring state restrictions on crowd sizes. The video from the April 26 services shows church leaders and members engaged in the practice of the laying on of hands during prayer. Participants were close enough to rub shoulders and no one was wearing face coverings. The video of the May 6 services shows churchgoers side by side. Again, no one in the videos appear to be wearing face masks. During Mother's Day, May 10, a pastor invited all the mother's in the audience to come forth for recognition. Numerous women lined up next to one-another, only two or three feet apart at the most, and once more no one wore a mask. ; The COVID-19 outbreak in Union County is straining an already limited hospital and health care network in that part of Eastern Oregon. Reporters with the La Grande Observer note that the main hospital in La Grande has a normal capacity of 25 patients. Officials say during their spring emergency planning, they looked at ways to expand capacity to 40 patients. They also outlined a contingency to create 160 patient beds in one of the hospital's ancillary buildings. Should Union County's facilities become overwhelmed, health officials say other Eastern Oregon hospitals and even some in Boise, Idaho, might be able to take patients. In the meantime, the Oregon Health Authority is shifting ten additional state contact tracers to work on determining the spread of the Union County

infection. ; Yesterday, Oregon Governor Kate Brown warned that the Eastern Oregon church outbreak, now the state's largest, could jeopardize Union County's Phase Two reopening status and prompt officials to reimpose some restrictions until case numbers ease. If that happened, it would be the first reversal of a county's Phase Two reopening since began lift pandemic restrictions last month. Other Oregon counties logging high numbers of new cases include 42 in Portland's Multnomah County; 37 in neighboring Washington County and 21 in Clackamas County; 22 in Marion County, which includes the city of Salem; and 17 in Lincoln County. Health officials have said some of the recent cases were in connection with workplaces, including at a number of agricultural and food-processing facilities. Oregon's first COVID-19 case was diagnosed in late February. Our cumulative total now stands at 5,820. Among active and presumptive cases, 141 patients are hospitalized statewide. Fifty are being treated in intensive-care units and 22 of those are on ventilators. More than 179,000 Oregonians have been tested for COVID-19. For most, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death. ; Lane County Public Health officials announced on new case of COVID-19 yesterday: The patient is a Eugene-Springfield resident in their 20s who is recovering at home. Contact tracers are working to determine the source of their infection. The new case puts our cumulative Lane County COVID-19 total at 90, 89 of which are confirmed, one of which is presumptive. Only eight of those cases are considered "active" and none of the patients are hospitalized. Lane County Public Health officials say all cases reported in recent weeks have been tied to earlier infections, including among members of the same household. Spokesman Jason Davis adds that no new infections have diagnosed among those taking part in daily protests for racial justice and police reform in Eugene-Springfield. With the continued low number of new cases, calls to the county's COVID-19 information center continue to slow. As a result, officials say the call center is scaling back its operating hours and will no longer field questions on Saturdays. Instead, the call center phone lines will be staffed on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lane County's COVID-19 Call Center phone number remains 541-682-1380. At least 16,465 people have been tested locally for the coronavirus. Lane County Public Health continues to conduct "sentinel testing" of vulnerable populations to determine the spread of the virus in our communities. The county also continues to wait for a shipment of six rapid-testing machines made by Abbott. The company has told county officials the machines are on backorder as newly produced testing machines are priority-shipped to other parts of the country that have seen big surges in coronavirus infections. ; No new cases of COVID-19 among staff or residents of a large local nursing home and assisted living facility. Lane County Public Health experts say they tested more than 200 people after officials with Green Valley Rehabilitation Health Center confirmed over the weekend that one of their staff members had tested positive for the coronavirus. On Monday, the governor and state health officials announced a plan for statewide COVID-19 testing of patients and staff at 680 nursing homes, long-term care, and memory care facilities in Oregon that serve more than five residents. The testing begins next week and continues through the end of September at the locations, which combined provide care for an estimated 31,000 residents and employ 29,000 staff. Lane County Public County health officials say they began conducting tests at many local care facilities this spring and will continue with that work though the summer, both in conjunction with the state effort and as part of the county's "sentinel testing" that focuses on local populations that are considered more vulnerable to the virus. Over the past few months, county health officials say a handful of staff people or workers with access to long-term care and skilled nursing facilities have tested positive for the virus. But there have

been no outbreaks among staff and residents of those facilities. Lane County Public Health officials have praised efforts by managers of the facilities to isolate residents and train staff in disinfection and other safety protocols. Once the initial round of statewide testing is complete, facilities will develop and implement plans for ongoing monitoring of residents and staff, including testing all staff at least once per month. Those plans will be reviewed and approved by the Oregon Department of Human Services' Office of Aging and People with Disabilities. Long-term care facilities will be required to report results to their local public health authority and the DHS. Facility staff participation is required; residents who decline a test, and are symptomatic, will need to be quarantined. ; As cases have surged in more than one dozen states, including Oregon, federal health officials have warned that the U.S. remains at a high plateau for numbers of new infections. It comes as new projections released this week warned that if many Americans continue to ignore physical distancing guidelines deaths could climb to 200,000 by the end of September. Nationwide, the number of deaths attributed to the coronavirus is close to 117,000. The U.S. has recorded more than 2.1 million cases of COVID-19. Officials say 583,000 Americans have recovered and 24.4 million have been tested. Worldwide, total cases stand at close to 8.2 million with more than 444,000 dead and 3.9 million recovered. The numbers are compiled from U.S. and worldwide health organizations, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, by Johns Hopkins University. ; A bit of an economic rebound as more workers returned to their jobs last month. But state employment analysts say it could take years to erase another 243,500 pandemic-related job losses. Oregon's unemployment rate declined to 14.2 percent in May from 14.9 percent in April. Oregon's nonfarm payrolls added 22,500 jobs last month. Analysts say employers added back nearly one out of 10 jobs they cut in April. Some of the largest rebounds were in leisure and hospitality (+15,900 jobs); health care and social assistance (+8,400); construction (+5,600); and retail trade (+3,200). But the gains were somewhat offset by substantial monthly losses in manufacturing (-4,900 jobs) and government (-9,900). ; Rough as things have been for some households across Oregon during the pandemic, they often were not in great shape before. A new survey released by the United Ways organizations of the Pacific Northwest finds that when the coronavirus hit, slightly more than 517,000 Oregon households already were one emergency away from financial ruin — a record 10-year high. The ALICE report, which stands for "Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed," is updated every two years to capture a snapshot of community needs and highlight key issues that participating United Way non-profits seek to address. This year's ALICE Report finds that over the past decade, Oregon's low-income families systematically lost buying power and financial stability as the high cost of essentials outpaced growth in wages. United Way Lane County's Noreen Dunnells says that for many individuals And families, the pandemic turned tight economic circumstances into a universal emergency. She says the report emphasizes that ALICE families are facing the great health and financial risks among workers who do not have health insurance, have no paid sick days, and whose children rely on daily meals provided by schools. While wages for ALICE workers remained largely stagnant, the study found that the cost of six essentials grew by an average 3.4 percent annually over the past decade, close to double the inflation rate. The report notes that made it difficult if not impossible for ALICE households to build savings to cushion financial blows, a situation often aggravated by meager pay raises and inconsistent job hours, schedules, and benefits. The report's authors call for governments, businesses and non-profits to work to remove obstacles to financial stability, identify gaps in community resources and work on solutions to bolster the state's economy overall. ; Officials with RV manufacturer Winnebago announced this month they are closing their Winnebago-Country Coach Factory Service Center in Junction City. In a letter to Winnebago Motorhome and Country Coach owners, company

officials say it was a “very difficult decision,” adding that the Junction City Service Center has a reputation for high-quality work and excellent customer service. Officials say they are working with the affected employees and offering assistance to those interested in applying for other positions within the company. Factory service will continue at Winnebago’s facility in Forest City, Iowa. In its announcement, Winnebago officials say the closure of their Junction City factory service center will take place over the next month to complete as many scheduled service appointments as possible. Winnebago also plans to phase out support for Country Coach parts and accessories. The letter notes that Winnebago Motorhome and Country Coach owners in the Northwest who need parts and service support should visit Guaranty RV in Junction City or RV Corral in Eugene or go to the Winnebago website to find their closest dealer. The Winnebago-Country Coach factory service center opened five years ago. In February of 2019, Winnebago cut 220 production jobs in Junction City, part of its move to end production of Class A vehicles in Lane County by last August. The layoffs reduced its local workforce to 30. ; One of Eugene’s longtime food processors is closing its factory store at the end of next week. In a statement on its website, leaders of GloryBee say they will continue to offer their products through local retailers as well as through the company’s website. Glorybee supplies honey, sweeteners, spices, dried fruits, nuts, oils, and other ingredients to natural food manufacturers, bakeries and markets and other stores. Members of the Turanski Family (tuhr-RAN’-skee), who founded GloryBee in 1975, say closing the factory store was a difficult decision. But they say it allows them to focus on their core business of supplying ingredients to food and beverage manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors, bakeries, and retailers. ; Oregon Health & Science University is working on a new approach to studying the spread of COVID-19 after health-care experts from the state’s communities of color raised concerns that the original project’s design was flawed by racial biases. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports the Key to Oregon study, a project by Oregon Health & Sciences University and the Oregon Health Authority, aims to survey 100,000 Oregonians and monitor them for COVID-19. One of the original goals was to recruit large numbers of participants from communities of color, to help identify outbreaks in those areas. The decision to redesign the study came after several community leaders wrote to OHSU detailing their concerns. / RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING, EDUCATION, SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT, COVID-19: Members of the Eugene School Board this evening to discuss the longtime contact with the Eugene Police Department that places police resource officers in the district’s high schools. For years, the officers have provided security and, like counterparts across the country, their role was elevated amid a growing number of cases of school violence. But opponents of the program say the Eugene schools should reallocate district policing money to enhanced mental health services for students. Supporters and opponents of the school resource officer program have circulated petitions in recent weeks—one seeking to remove the officers, another to keep them. ; Oregon Governor Kate Brown said Tuesday she will convene a special legislative session next week to address the state’s budget shortfall in the wake of the pandemic, as well as ways the state can improve law enforcement accountability following weeks of protests for racial justice and police reform. Legislative Republican leaders said yesterday they are not sure this is the right time for a special session on non-economic items. And there are concerns about how lawmakers will gather while employing physical distancing. Brown said the session will start Wednesday, June 24. And the governor says a second special session is likely later this summer to further address the huge budget shortfall caused by state-ordered business closures during the first months of the pandemic and the resulting drop in tax revenues. Last month, state economists said Oregon faces an 11 percent drop in revenue from the previous biennium. The state could see a drop in General Fund and other revenues of \$2.7 billion

compared to the March economic forecast for the current biennium, as well as a drop of \$4.4 billion in revenues for the 2021-23 budget period. In the meantime, the governor says she is finalizing a list of \$150 million General Fund reductions for this biennium and will release those details by the end of the week. Brown also has ordered state agencies to draw up plans for potential 17 percent budget cuts for the rest of the budget cycle. The governor says she is also weighing whether to extend or modify several executive orders she issued in the early weeks of the pandemic, including the temporary moratorium on rental evictions which expires at the end of the month. Brown's executive order forbids landlords from evicting tenants for failure to pay for pandemic-related reasons. Brown has also said wants to see lawmakers formalize her policy that protects federal stimulus payments from garnished unless the garnishment is tied to a criminal offense. Potential legislative concepts for the special session also include foreclosure protections and broadband for virtual schools, according to a draft list circulating among lawmakers and obtained by The Lund Report, which covers health care related issues in Oregon. The list has a proposal that mirrors Brown's executive order requiring state and local agencies to meet virtually when possible during the pandemic. Reporter Ben Botkin with The Lund Report notes that, for the Oregon Health Authority, that translates into more than \$370 million in cuts when factoring in lost federal matching Medicaid funds. The authority's proposal would remove 173 beds from Oregon State Hospital, which serves people with mental health needs. Medicaid, a \$6 billion-a-year program, would lose \$64 million, or \$233 million when factoring in matching federal money. Earlier this year, Oregon's regular legislative session ended after key Republicans staged a walkout to kill a revised "cap-and-trade" bill aimed at reducing climate change. ; Portland's mayor, Ted Wheeler, says the Rose City will formally recognize Juneteenth, a day that commemorates the end of slavery in U.S., as a paid holiday. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports the Portland City Council plans to adopt an ordinance today to establish June 19 as a day of recognition of Black American history and give employees a paid day off to engage in remembrance and action. Wheeler and other supporters of the plan suggest City of Portland employees spend the holiday learning about the American culture and the dangers of white supremacy. / GOVERNMENT: Eugene's new city manager started her career with the city 24 years ago as a maintenance employee in the Parks and Open Space department. During the past 12 years she has held positions ranging from top jobs in Planning and Development, to Public Works and, more recently, Assistant City Manager. Members of the Eugene City Council this week removed the word "interim" from City Manager Sarah Medary's title. She took over the city's top administrative job eight months ago. Mayor Lucy Vinis credits Medary for an in-depth knowledge of every city department and her leadership during both the pandemic-caused budget shortfalls and recent marches and protests for racial justice. / CRIME, MENTAL HEALTH: Investigators say the suspect whose behavior triggered a 12-hour closure of Eugene's Washington Street between 2nd and 5th Avenues was nude, throwing objects at passersby, had climbed a traffic pole, and repeatedly punched a police dog while being taken into custody. It started Monday night, when police began receiving calls about the suspect, identified as 39-year-old Brandon Lee Jackson of Eugene. He was charged with Assault, Reckless Endangering, Criminal Trespass, Criminal Mischief for Vandalism, Public Indecency, and Disorderly Conduct in connection with the incident, which began Monday night. The Eugene Police Crisis Negotiation Team assisted with the response. Jackson was also charged in connection with three other cases in recent days, including Robbery and Assault in connection with an incident early Monday morning in the 7-Eleven parking lot in the 500 block of West 7th Avenue. Police say Jackson struck a 61-year-old man victim with a metal object, stole his property, and left the area. He is also charged with Theft in connection with a Sunday incident at the West 11th

Avenue Walmart where he allegedly was confronted by an employee outside the garden center about shoplifting. Employees said they recovered the stolen property. Jackson was also charged in connection with a March 13 case for Theft and Criminal Mischief for allegedly breaking the rear window of a passenger car parked in the 1300 block of Mill Street and stealing an instrument left inside the vehicle. / CRIME, AGRICULTURE: A man who stole dozens of beehives across the West, including in Oregon, has been arrested in Washington state. 56-year-old Perry David Bayes was arrested and charged with possession of stolen property in connection with the thefts of the hives, whose combined value is close to \$200,000. Farmers rely on bees to pollinate their crops and orchards. Commercial beekeepers across the West spend much of the year transporting bees to various locations. But in recent years, organized gangs of thieves and individual criminals have stolen hives for resale. The Bellingham Herald reports sheriff's deputies set up a "sting" operation after receiving reports of hives stolen from one local beekeeper. That led to the suspect's arrest. Investigators say there are more than 30 potential victims in Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, and Montana. /

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RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING, SCHOOLS, BUSINESS: They will stay through the end of the year. But after that, the Eugene School District will take a different approach to safety. Board members last night decided on a short-term renewal of their contract with Eugene Police to provide school resource officers on the district's high school campuses and at special events. The current contract expires at the end of this month. It comes amid a national debate over the role of policing amid calls for racial justice. For years, the officers have provided security. Like their counterparts across the country, their role was elevated amid a growing number of cases of school violence. But opponents of the program say the Eugene schools should reallocate district policing money to enhanced mental health services for students. Supporters and opponents of the school resource officer program circulated petitions in recent weeks—one seeking to remove the officers from school campuses, another to keep them. On a 6-1 vote during the online meeting, school board members supported renewing the contract through December 31, then replacing it with a new approach to school safety. That proposal will be crafted in the coming months. There were protests earlier this week by those who wanted to see the contract expire. Yesterday, those who supported the program held a rally and march. ; America's painful struggles over racism have finally caught up with Aunt Jemima, a brand that has been served up at breakfast tables for 131 years. Quaker Oats says it will retire the brand, saying the company recognizes the character's origins are "based on a racial stereotype." The original logo was inspired by 19th century minstrel celebrating the "mammy," a black woman content to serve her white masters. A former slave, Nancy Green, became the face of the pancake product in 1890. Aunt Jemima's downfall is the latest signal of the powerful cultural moment unleashed by the Black Lives Matter protests, which have spread around the world and prompted companies to rethink their policies — from hiring practices to giving employees off for Juneteenth, the anniversary of the end of the slavery in the U.S. The owner of Uncle Ben's rice says the brand will "evolve" in response to concerns about racial stereotyping. A rep for parent company Mars, said the company is listening to the voices of consumers, especially in the black community. ; Senate Republicans have unveiled proposed changes to police procedures and accountability, countering Democratic policing legislation in the House. The Senate GOP's "Justice Act" is more modest than the Democrats' House version but is still the most ambitious Republican legislation on police violence and race in memory. President Trump has embraced the Republican legislation, which underscores how swiftly the national conversation on race has been transformed since the death of George Floyd in police custody. The two parties' bills are on a collision course, but momentum favors passage of some version before the November elections. s/ IMMIGRATION, LEGAL, GOVERNMENT: The U.S. Supreme Court this morning

rejected President Trump's effort to end legal protections for 650,000 young immigrants. For now, those immigrants retain their protection from deportation and their authorization to work in the United States. The justices rejected administration arguments that the eight-year-old Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program is illegal and that courts have no role to play in reviewing the decision to end DACA. Chief Justice John Roberts, joined by his four liberal colleagues, wrote for the court that the administration did not pursue the end of the program properly. DACA covers people who have been in the United States since they were children and are in the country illegally. In some cases, they have no memory of any home other than the U.S. The program grew out of an impasse over a comprehensive immigration bill between Congress and the Obama administration in 2012. President Barack Obama decided to formally protect people from deportation while also allowing them to work legally in the U.S. But Trump made tough talk on immigration a central part of his campaign and less than eight months after taking office, he announced in September 2017 that he would end DACA. Immigrants, civil rights groups, universities and Democratic-led states quickly sued, and courts put the administration's plan on hold. The Department of Homeland Security has continued to process two-year DACA renewals so that hundreds of thousands of DACA recipients have protections stretching beyond the election and even into 2022. The court's four conservative justices dissented. Justice Clarence Thomas, joined by Justices Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch, wrote that DACA was illegal from the moment it was created under the Obama administration in 2012. Justice Brett Kavanaugh wrote in a separate dissent that he was satisfied that the administration acted appropriately in trying to end the program. DACA recipients were elated by the ruling. The outcome seems certain to elevate the issue in Trump's campaign, given the anti-immigrant rhetoric of his first presidential run in 2016 and immigration restrictions his administration has imposed since then. ; Oregon U.S. Senator Ron Wyden says, quote, "Dreamers in Oregon and nationwide -- and all of us who stand with them - - just collectively breathed a sigh of relief. These determined, inspiring, hard-working young people belong in America and deserve the protections promised to them by the U.S. government. Fellow Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley says, quote, "Today's decision reaffirms the important protections of the DACA program..." He adds that, quote, "DREAMers are members of virtually every community throughout our nation, and they are American in every way except for a piece of paper." Oregon Governor Kate Brown says, "'Oregon will always be a welcoming, safe place for all. Our 33-year-old Sanctuary Law prevents Oregon from enforcing federal immigration law, and I will uphold this law and stand with Oregonian Dreamers. We are at our best when we focus on what we share in common, not what divides us.'" / COVID-19: HEALTH, RELIGION, BUSINESS, RECREATION: No new positive tests announced yesterday for COVID-19 in Lane County. We remain at 89 confirmed and one presumptive case since the pandemic began. Only seven of those cases are considered "active" and none of the patients are hospitalized. At least 16,825 people have been tested locally for the coronavirus. Lane County Public Health continues to conduct "sentinel testing" of vulnerable populations to determine the spread of the virus in our communities. ; The statewide rate of new infections eased a bit yesterday, as officials with the Oregon Health Authority announced 122 new cases of COVID-19 and one new death, bringing the cumulative death toll to 183. The new diagnoses push Oregon's total cases to 6,218, since late February. There are 158 patients with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 in Oregon's hospitals. Fifty-hour of those are being treated in intensive-care units and 26 of those are on ventilators. State health officials also released their analysis of last week's 898 new cases, which they say was a 44 increase from the first week of June. More people died last week, as well: 16 compared to ten the previous week. This week's numbers are expected to show a continuing surge—especially after the state reported

more than 400 combined new cases on Monday and Tuesday. ; While only two new cases were reported yesterday in Eastern Oregon's Union County, the area continues to deal with the state's largest COVID-19 outbreak after 236 cases were connected to a series of services held by a church in a community near La Grande. Many parishioners ignored physical distancing guidelines and did not wear masks. On Tuesday, officials said five were hospitalized. Reporters Ronald Bond and Sabrina Thompson with The Observer write that the spike in cases has prompted the Union County Board of Commissioners to recommend rolling back the county from Phase Two to Phase One guidelines. It came after many businesses shut down as a precaution. The City of La Grande closed its parks, public restrooms, and city pool, and canceled its Summer Day-Camp programs. A pastor at Lighthouse Pentecostal Church, at the heart of the outbreak, on Tuesday morning posted a video to the church's Facebook page. It contained a message to members claiming the church, quote, "did the right thing. And more people need to do what we did." The Observer reports the church's Facebook page has since been deleted. Reporters have left repeated messages but have not been able to contact church officials. On Wednesday, the church's phone would no longer accept voicemail. ; Gov. Kate Brown announced Wednesday that residents in seven Oregon counties hit hard by cases of COVID-19 will be required to wear face coverings when they visit indoor public spaces while physical distancing restrictions are eased. The mandate applies to places such as grocery stores and other businesses in Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties—which make up the Portland metropolitan area—as well as Marion, Polk, Lincoln, and Hood River counties. The face shield requirement takes effect on Wednesday, June 24. The governor is also giving Marion, Polk, and Hood River counties the go-ahead to move into a Phase Two reopening starting tomorrow. And Portland's Multnomah County finally enters Phase One on Friday. ; U.S. health regulators are issuing warnings to three companies selling at-home blood tests for coronavirus. The Food and Drug Administration said the tests are illegal because they have not been federally reviewed to safely and accurately detect COVID-19. No tests are FDA-approved for consumers to test themselves at home. At-home testing carries risks if consumers mishandle the sample or misinterpret the results. The move by FDA comes as the agency tries to crack down on dozens of antibody tests that the agency allowed to launch earlier this year. Experts have criticized that policy for creating a "Wild West" of unregulated testing. ; They say they cut the backlog from more than 38,000 to about 550. Officials with the Oregon Department of Employment say their three-week push to process months of delayed claims for benefits is nearing completion. Employment officials say the remaining claims are ones they suspect are fairly complex, perhaps because a person had previously filed for benefits from another state, has a complicated work history, or might qualify for a different program. Officials say that in addition to getting 99 percent of the claims backlog processed, they processed another 46,000 more recent filings for initial benefits during the past two-and-a-half weeks. They say they also are increasing their focus on assisting those who have filed for the new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance or "PUA" benefits. State officials say they have received close to 97,000 filings for the benefits, which are intended for self-employed, contract and "gig" workers. But after a one-month delay getting that new federal program started in Oregon, more than 70,000 of those still are awaiting review. As the pandemic hit, the agency was swamped during the first 13 weeks of the pandemic-related economic downturn with a record 486,000 regular claims for initial jobless benefits. The same time last year, there were only slightly more than 34,000 filings during the same period. Oregon's unemployment rate skyrocketed to 14.9 percent in April and eased a bit to 14.2 percent last month as more businesses began to reopen under Phase Two. The flood of jobless filings overwhelmed a department with an outdated computer system that just a short time earlier had seen just a trickle of

claims amid record-low unemployment. The agency rushed to add staff, from slightly more than 100 people processing claims in mid-March to more than 700 now. The Oregon Employment Department has paid out \$1.7 (b)billion in benefits since March 16. Officials say the wait time for callers needing assistance remains long but has been reduced to an average 89 minutes. ; Recreation sites continue to reopen this month on the Siuslaw National Forest. Today, a number of Siuslaw National Forest campgrounds reopen. But some remain closed for now, including Canal Creek, Riveredge, and the Cape Perpetua group campgrounds in Lincoln County. And if you're planning a big off-road trip to the dunes, the popular Sand Lake Recreation Area reopens in one week, on Thursday, June 25. That includes the Sand Lake campgrounds, sand camping, and day-use sites. Siuslaw National Forest officials said local community members asked them to delay the reopening until next Thursday to ensure everyone was ready to host visitors. Even as sites reopen, staffing, cleaning and maintenance might be limited. Some restrooms might be closed and trash collection might be temporarily suspended. You're encouraged to plan ahead, pack hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes, and pack out your trash. For more information and the complete list of recreation sites opening on this month, as well as what to expect when camping, visit <http://go.usa.gov/xdzAE> The website is updated regularly. The list of open sites might change with little notice. Visitors should review the list before leaving home to ensure their destination is open for use. ; The NCAA Division I Council approved a plan to allow college basketball players to start working with their coaches for the first time since the pandemic wiped out March Madness. The summer access period for men's and women's players will begin July 20. The NCAA also announced the expected approval by the council of an extended preseason model for football teams. And the council introduced a legislative proposal to create a path for schools to transition straight from Division III to Division I, paving the way for St. Thomas (Minn.) to make that jump as soon as next year. / CRIME: A 24-year-old man wanted for a series of crimes in Lane County was arrested after a two-and-a-half hour search in a wooded area near a motel just off the Glenwood exit of Interstate Five. The incident began shortly before 8 p.m. Because officers believed the suspect, Mohammad Melthi, might be armed and dangerous, they sent recorded alerts to nearby residents to shelter in place. The advisory was lifted once he was taken into custody with the help of Eugene and Springfield Police, a Springfield Police K-9 and a police drone team. Eugene Police Street Crimes officers say the incident began when they spotted Melthi in a stolen vehicle. There were multiple warrants for his arrest, ranging from Assault and Violating a Restraining Order, to Burglary, Theft of Firearm, and Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle. After he was arrested, Melthi was evaluated at the hospital for drug use, exhaustion, and other medical issues. / RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT, WILDLIFE: The U.S. Senate has approved a bipartisan bill that would spend nearly \$3 billion on conservation projects, outdoor recreation and maintenance of national parks and other public lands. Supporters say the measure would be the most significant conservation legislation enacted in nearly half a century. The 73-25 vote sends the Great American Outdoors Act to the U.S. House, where approval is expected. Congressman Peter DeFazio and others in Oregon's delegation worked to create the project list for our state. The bill would spend about \$900 million a year, roughly double current spending, on the popular Land and Water Conservation Fund. Another \$1.9 billion per year would pay for improvements at national parks, forests, wildlife refuges and rangelands. Oregon U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley says the bill provides funding to protect some of Oregon's most cherished natural wonders, including the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Upper and Lower Table Rocks, Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, the Oregon National Historic Trail, and more. Funding also would enhance recreation sites on the Willamette and Siuslaw National Forests, the Pacific Crest Trail, Oregon Dunes

National Recreation Area, many Oregon coastal refuges, and the West Eugene Wetlands. The legislation will also help tackle the \$127 million maintenance backlog at the state's National Park properties, including at the John Day Fossil Beds in Central Oregon, and the Lewis and Clark National Historic Park on the North Coast. / VETERANS, MENTAL HEALTH: President Trump has released a long-awaited national plan to address the high number of veteran suicides. He is proposing initiatives including firearm safety and wellness programs at workplaces to new barriers near railroads and bridges. According to the 66-page plan, the \$53 million, two-year effort will include a public messaging campaign to raise awareness about suicide at a time of increased social distancing and isolation during a pandemic. Still, it remains unclear how much of the plan could result in immediate concrete action. Much of the effort will need congressional action, as well as cooperation from governors and local groups. /

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WILDLIFE, SAFETY: A series of recent cougar sightings on the east side of Veneta yesterday prompted the Lane County Sheriff's Office to issue an alert to nearby residents. Officials say there might be two and possibly three cougars in the area of Veneta's East Hunter Road and Houston Road. The Sheriff's Office is posting warning signs in the area of the sightings and officials with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division are monitoring the situation. There are NO reports that the cougars have approached anyone but officials are asking community members to report cougar sightings to the Sheriff's Office. (Call 541-682-4150 then press 1, or dial 9-1-1 if an emergency exists.) While the cougars have only been sighted at night, wildlife biologists say should any cougars be sighted during the day near residential areas it would be unusual and cause additional concern. Tips should you encounter a cougar: Cougars often will retreat if given the opportunity. Leave the animal a way to escape. Stay calm and stand your ground. Maintain direct eye contact. Pick up children but do so without bending down or turning your back on the cougar. Back away slowly. Do not run. Running triggers a chase response in cougars, which could lead to an attack. Raise your voice and speak firmly. If the cougar seems aggressive, raise your arms to make yourself look larger and clap your hands. If in the very unusual event that a cougar attacks you, fight back with rocks, sticks, bear or pepper spray, tools or any items available. For more information on cougar safety, visit the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at https://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living_with/cougars.asp / COVID-19: EDUCATION, SCHOOLS, HEALTH, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, LATINX, COMMUNITY: It's another big commencement weekend here in the Willamette Valley as the University of Oregon and Lane Community College honor students who have earned their degrees. These will be virtual ceremonies, but organizers say they will be filled with personal touches. The University of Oregon's virtual commencement begins at 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Go to www.uoregon.edu to click on the livestream. The U-of-O is conferring 3,938 bachelor's degrees, 835 master's degrees, and 160 doctoral degrees. Oregon women's basketball standout Sabrina Ionescu will deliver the commencement address. Other speakers will be U-of-O President Michael Schill and Sabinna Pierre, the president of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon. The University of Oregon is awarding an honorary doctorate to longtime donor and alumnus Phil Knight. Knight, a former Duck track and field athlete, co-founded Nike. He and his wife, Penny, have given hundreds of millions of dollars to the U-of-O. That includes not just athletics department support but endowed faculty chairs in every department and \$500 million gift for the "Phil and Penny Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact" that is taking shape on the north side of Franklin Boulevard. LCC will hold its 55th annual commencement online beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday at

www.lanecc.edu All students who completed their degrees or certificates between Fall Term of last year and Spring Term of this year will be honored. All of Lane's Class of 2020 graduates will be invited to walk in next year's in-person graduation event, too. ; Lane County Public Health investigators say a patient who tested positive for COVID-19 earlier this week is an employee of Serenity Lane, a local alcohol and substance treatment facility. County health spokesman Jason Davis says Serenity Lane set up screening and prevention efforts early in the pandemic and as a result was able to detect this case early. County officials say any risk of exposure might be limited because the person only worked a couple of days at the treatment center during the past few months, which means their exposure level was relatively low. The patient is isolated and recovering at home. Serenity Lane operates an in-patient hospital and residential treatment center in Coburg. In a statement on its website, officials with the treatment center say the staff member worked on June 9 and 10, had minimal patient contact and stayed home starting June 11. Serenity Lane officials say they have notified all of their patients and patient families. All current residential patients and Coburg campus employees are being retested. The Coburg campus has been closed to visitors since the pandemic arrived in Lane County. The facility already had screening and prevention protocols in place, including testing all patients upon admission. Patients and employees wear masks. All employees and patients are screened daily with temperature checks. Dietary and housekeeping workers must wear masks and gloves. Serenity Lane officials say in on their website that they sanitize the entire facility daily and have hand sanitizer stations at many locations. All group sessions are conducted with physical distancing. The treatment organization also is offering a telehealth addiction treatment program. ; For a second day, no new positive tests announced for COVID-19 in Lane County. We remain at 89 confirmed and one presumptive case since the pandemic began. Only six of those cases are considered "active" and none of the patients are hospitalized. At least 17,706 people have been tested locally for the coronavirus. Public Health officials has set a goal of conducting 500 tests, countywide, per day and say they are meeting that goal. They say that expanded testing capacity will allow them to better address any future surges in COVID-19 cases. ; Lane County Public Health also continues to conduct "sentinel testing" of vulnerable populations to determine the spread of the virus in our communities. During the past two months, that has included people in skilled nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, those who are homeless, and the Latino or Latinx population—whose members often work in jobs where physical distancing is difficult. While the Latinx population is only about nine percent of Lane County's population, it has experienced 35 percent of our local cases. Spokesman Jason Davis says the testing outreach is expanding in the near future to rural locations including the Florence and Mapleton food shelters, Cottage Grove Health and the Oakridge Baptist Church. This testing will be available to anyone to help determine whether there has been any spread of the virus to rural areas. Lane County Public Health will be sharing information on testing dates, times and locations for the end of this month and early July. Coordinators of the effort say their priorities include rural first responders and other medical personnel but anyone may be tested. This will be sit-down testing, not a "drive-through" site, so once the county posts the information on rural testing dates and locations, you will need to download and fill out some paperwork in advance to bring with you to the testing session. Officials say insurance is not required but if you have insurance, you will be asked to bring that information. ; The statewide rate of new infections was up a bit yesterday, as officials with the Oregon Health Authority announced 148 new cases of COVID-19 and four new deaths, bringing the cumulative death toll to 187. The new diagnoses push Oregon's total cases to 6,366, since late February. There are 141 patients with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 in Oregon's hospitals—down 17 from yesterday. Forty-six of those are being

treated in intensive-care units, also down from Thursday, but 28 of those are on ventilators—up two from the day before. ; Despite weeks of large protests in Eugene, Portland, and other cities, a top official with the Oregon Health Authority says there have been NO clusters of COVID-19 cases associated with the gatherings. Dr. Dean Sidelinger (SIDE'-ling-uhr) did not give exact numbers but said they're aware of only a couple of cases among those who attended the protests and it's possible they were infected elsewhere. Sidelinger did not provide reporters with specific numbers. But he also acknowledged that health officials suspect that some people infected with the virus might be reluctant to disclose the details of their political activity to county public health investigators. ; Governor Kate Brown says that for the near future, wearing masks might become, quote, "part of our daily lives." The governor and the Oregon's top health officials held a media briefing yesterday about an effort that begins on Wednesday in some of the state's most populous counties. Residents will be required to wear face masks when they are in public indoor spaces such as grocery stores and shops. It's part of the push to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The requirement does not affect in Lane County, although cloth face coverings continue to be encouraged here. But it will happen Portland's tri-county area, in Salem's Marion and Polk counties, in coastal Lincoln County, and in Hood River county. At the media briefing the governor said people who violate the new executive order will not be arrested or get a ticket for not wearing a face covering. But retailers and other operators of indoor public spaces may bar people without face coverings from entering. Certain people will be exempt from having to wear a face mask, including children that are 12 or younger or someone with medical conditions where wearing a face covering hinders their ability to breathe. The seven counties were chosen based on population density, the spread of coronavirus and the vulnerability of the communities. However, any county not listed under this new face covering requirement may request to opt in at any time. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. The governor reiterated that face coverings do not need to be medical grade, but rather can be sewn at home or be as simple as wearing a bandanna. The state is also working with counties to make face masks available for free as needed. "I wear (a face mask) because I don't want to accidentally kill someone. It's really that simple," Brown said. "Face coverings can save lives." / RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING, GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY: Oregon Governor Kate Brown has proclaimed today, June 19, as "Juneteenth in Oregon" and says she will introduce a bill in next year's legislative session to make it a state holiday. Brown said Thursday that celebrating black freedom, quote, "is fiercely important as people around the world protest systemic racism and undeniably show that Black Lives Matter." The governor also said she would appoint a Public Safety Training and Standards Task Force to recommend improvements to the training and certification of Oregon law enforcement officers. ; There are observances of Juneteenth today and tomorrow in Eugene. Juneteenth marks the anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the United States. This afternoon from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Skinner Butte Park, the group Black Unity is holding a Juneteenth event that includes, educational speakers, information and retail booths, food carts, and live music. Organizers say they will close the event with a lantern memorial service. Members of the local Black-Led Action Coalition, as well as ethnic organizations H.O.N.E.Y., xCape, and the local black community are holding a Juneteenth event on Saturday, June 20, at Eugene's Alton Baker Park. It runs from noon to 7 p.m. Admission is free and all ages are welcome. "Juneteenth Celebration Eugene" showcases Black-owned businesses, Black-owned food carts, and Black performing artists. There will also be speakers and updates on the local push for racial justice. ; Police in Portland say they cleared an area in the city's Pearl District early Thursday when demonstrators tried to set up an 'autonomous zone'

similar to what protesters have enacted in Seattle. Police declared a civil disturbance and unlawful assembly at 5:30 a.m. after hundreds of demonstrators tried to gather and camp outside what they believe to be Mayor Ted Wheeler's residence. Once the declaration was announced police said the approximately 50 people remaining in the area left. Authorities say one person was arrested. 'We're very pleased with the successful outcome this morning,' Portland Police Lt. Tina Jones said. In Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood protesters have cordoned off several blocks near a police station. Police have largely retreated from the area and city officials say they continue to communicate with protest leaders, who say they are maintaining the space peacefully. The 'Capitol Hill Occupied Protest' zone has been criticized by President Donald Trump and others. Thursday morning Wheeler said he didn't want any similar protest zone to happen in Portland. 'I do not want an autonomous zone set up in Portland,' he told reporters. 'I want to state unequivocally — I absolutely do not support that, and I do believe it's a distraction from the larger movement, which is to support and uplift black voices in our community.' Large groups of protesters have gathered in Portland nightly since George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis. ; The Oregonian and OregonLive report Portland's 22nd consecutive day of protests against police brutality and systemic racism was defined by downtown and North Portland demonstrations, as well as the toppling of a George Washington statue along Sandy Boulevard. Several hundred demonstrators rallied at North Portland's Jefferson High School, a smaller group gathered outside the downtown Justice Center and a third group assembled at the statue, which became the latest monument to be torn down by protesters. Statues of historical figures have become frequent targets during the nationwide protests against police brutality and broader racism. Monuments to the Confederacy in Southern cities have been torn down by protesters, or in some cases removed by city leaders. In Oregon, protesters have previously torn down a statue of Thomas Jefferson outside his namesake high school and University of Oregon statues of pioneers that had been linked to celebrations of white supremacy. The Washington statue had stood at Northeast Sandy Boulevard and 57th Avenue since the 1920s. Washington owned over 100 slaves, and his slaves and hundreds more owned by other people worked his Mount Vernon plantation. Earlier this week, the University of Portland removed one figure from its Captain William Clark Monument on its North Portland campus. The bronze statue of York, who was Clark's slave, was gone Wednesday afternoon. Workers appeared to be preparing the monument's two remaining figures, of Clark and an unnamed Native guide, for removal. However, both figures remained Wednesday night. The monument, dedicated in 1988, is intended to depict Clark naming Mount Jefferson, called Seekseekqua or Kuassal Teminbi by tribes that originally inhabited the land. The eastern portion is on what is now the Warm Springs Reservation. University officials decided to take down the monument after it became the target of recent vandalism, said Michael Lewellen, a University of Portland spokesperson. ; A Jackson County grand jury has indicted two people who allegedly pointed guns at demonstrators who were marching in Medford to protest racism following the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. The Mail Tribune reports a grand jury on Thursday indicted David Westmoreland and Marcella Welch of Medford on felony weapons and misdemeanor menacing charges. They are accused of brandishing firearms against Black Lives Matter demonstrators during marches, according to Deputy District Attorney Patrick Green. It wasn't immediately known if they have lawyers. / IMMIGRATION, GOVERNMENT: President Trump says he will renew his administration's effort to end legal protections for young immigrants after justices on the U.S. Supreme Court yesterday blocked the first try. The high court upheld legal protections for young immigrants, but its ruling does not provide a guarantee that they'll get to keep them long-term. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals or DACA

program allows hundreds of thousands of immigrants to live and work legally in the United States and shields them from deportation. A divided Congress is unlikely to pass legislation providing a path to citizenship anytime soon. But advocates vow to keep fighting for legislation for a long-term solution for 650,000 immigrants who were brought to the country as children. ; Plenty of reaction among Oregon's leaders to yesterday's U.S. Supreme Court decision keeping DACA—the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals—program in place: Oregon U.S. Senator Ron Wyden says, quote, "Dreamers in Oregon and nationwide -- and all of us who stand with them -- just collectively breathed a sigh of relief. These determined, inspiring, hard-working young people belong in America and deserve the protections promised to them by the U.S. government. Fellow Oregon U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley says, quote, "DREAMers are members of virtually every community throughout our nation, and they are American in every way except for a piece of paper." Oregon Governor Kate Brown says, "'Oregon will always be a welcoming, safe place for all. Our 33-year-old Sanctuary Law prevents Oregon from enforcing federal immigration law, and I will uphold this law and stand with Oregonian Dreamers. We are at our best when we focus on what we share in common, not what divides us." Oregon State University President Edward Ray says, "We are strongly supportive and appreciative of the court's opinion, which sustains DACA – an essential protection for approximately 700,000 DACA recipients nationwide, including valued members of the OSU community who are students, alumni and employee colleagues. / EDUCATION: The faculty union at Oregon State University has its first contract. The Gazette-Times in Corvallis is reporting that two years after achieving recognition by the state, United Academics of OSU has ratified a four-year deal. Reporter Bennett Hall writes that the 46-page collective bargaining agreement covers a wide range of issues, including compensation, benefits, disciplinary action and grievance procedures. The pact also contains a statement in support of academic freedom and a "no strike, no lockout" provision. The agreement covers approximately 2,400 teaching and research faculty at the university, including those who work online, at satellite campuses and elsewhere in the state through programs such as the Extension Service. It does not cover so-called "professional faculty," a category that covers administrative employees, counselors, IT specialists and others. The deal was ratified late last week by union members and approved by OSU President Ed Ray. It went into effect on Monday and runs through June 30, 2024. / AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: A second lawsuit has been filed against an Oregon ranch accused of causing millions of dollars in damages by negligently igniting a 2018 wildfire. The Capital Press reports the federal government filed a complaint claiming that J-Spear Ranch near Paisley was responsible for starting the Watson Creek Fire on the Fremont-Winema National Forest. A similar lawsuit was filed by a timber company last month. According to the federal government's lawsuit, the fire claimed 59,000 acres, of which about 46,000 are administered by the U.S. Forest Service. The suit says it resulted in at least \$14 million worth of losses in timber, habitat, water protection and environmental values, as well as fire suppression and rehabilitation costs. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEATH, BUSINESS, COMMUNITY, EVENTS, EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION, RECREATION: A jump in COVID-19 cases in recent days here in Lane County. The number of confirmed and presumptive cases climbed from 94 on Friday morning to 106 yesterday. The Lane County Public Health website notes that 102 of those are confirmed cases, four are presumptive. No one is hospitalized and of the 21 active cases, all are being monitored as they rest at home. County health officials are working to determine the source of the new infections. Breaking down some of the infection numbers, 58 of the patients since late February are men, 48 are women. One in every four patients has been over the age of 60. Health experts say older adults are more vulnerable to complications of the virus. But younger adults do get the virus and are sometimes ill for weeks. Here in Lane County, 40 percent of all infections have been among people between the ages of 40 and 59. Another 27 percent are in their 20s or 30s. There have been ten local cases involving children and teens, most of which are examples of "household transmission," where a person gets the virus from someone in the same home who was previously diagnosed. Lane County's infection rate continues to be lower than most Oregon counties, with slightly fewer than three cases for every ten thousand people. Three people have died since mid-March. At least 18,165 people have been tested locally for the coronavirus. Public Health officials has set a goal of conducting 500 tests, countywide, per day and say they are meeting that goal. They say that expanded testing capacity will allow them to better address any future surges in COVID-19 cases. ; Statewide, there were 368 new positive tests for COVID-19 over the weekend: 178 cases on Saturday, 190 on Sunday. The Oregon Health Authority announced two more deaths over the weekend, bringing the cumulative death toll to 188. The new diagnoses push Oregon's total cases to 6,572, since late February. There are 154 patients with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 in Oregon's hospitals. Fifty of those are being treated in intensive-care units and 29 of those are on ventilators. More than 193,000 Oregonians have been tested. ; The Volunteers In Medicine Clinic of Lane County, our local clinic that provides essential health care to low-income and underserved adults in our community, is holding a virtual fundraiser this year and it takes place this week. Go to <https://vim-clinic.org/event/ofd-on-a-ssn/> to register for the combined "One Fine Day / Swingin' Summer Night" fundraiser, to preview and bid on auction packages. On Wednesday, June 24, organizers are holding an online pre-event from 4:30-5:00 p.m. and streaming their Live Fundraiser and Auction from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. Step up and help out a great cause and bid on some great items, including trips, gift certificates, merchandise, art and more. ; It was a commencement unlike any in the history of the University of Oregon but the virtual ceremony included speakers including Duck Women's Basketball star Sabrina Ionescu and Associated

Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO) President Sabinna Pierre (suh-BEE'-nuh pee-AIR'), as well as music by Mat Kearney (KAR'-nee) and others. The U-of-O conferred 3,938 bachelor's degrees, 835 master's degrees, and 160 doctoral degrees. And longtime donor and alumnus Phil Knight received an honorary doctorate. Lane Community College held its 55th annual commencement online on Saturday, as well. Congratulations to our Class of 2020 graduates! ;

More catching-up is on the schedule today for workers with the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles. As of Friday morning statewide, the DMV had received 165,610 appointment requests through its online form since June 2. More than 54,000 of those visits have been scheduled. But with a backlog that large, it is taking DMV workers about five days to call a customer to schedule an appointment. Additional staff have been shifted from other DMV and Oregon Department of Transportation operations to handle the callbacks. The customer backlog is so large that DMV will continue through the summer accepting appointments only for these services: Driver license, permit and ID card issuances; Driver knowledge tests; Disabled parking permits; Farm endorsements. The agency currently is scheduling appointments through the end of August and will soon add options for September. But if you just need a VIN inspection for your vehicle, you might not need an appointment starting Wednesday, June 24. Check OregonDMV.com to find the nearest office available for drive-up VIN inspections. You won't need to get out of your car, and after the inspection, DMV staff will hand you the paperwork to include when you mail your title application and payment to DMV Headquarters. And while most DMV offices are open this week by appointment only, the Cottage Grove Department of Motor Vehicles office remains closed for now. Many services, such as vehicle titles and registration, are only available via mail or at DMV2U.Oregon.gov or OregonDMV.com. And a reminder: A law enforcement grace period on expired licenses and vehicle registration is in effect at least through Oct. 1. The grace period is intended to allow Oregon residents to continue driving while waiting for an appointment, or to allow people concerned about the coronavirus to delay visiting while the agency works through its appointment backlog. Law enforcement can verify the status of a driver or vehicle electronically during a traffic stop. ; They still do not have the money or staff to open everything. But they're working on it. Officials with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department continue to ask you to go gentle on the land and facilities when you visit. The state park system has been slowly reopening since early May and limited overnight camping began earlier this month. But nearly every park is experiencing reduced levels of service due to a \$22 million budget gap. Oregon State Parks rely primarily on visitor fees and a share of lottery revenues to pay for staff and services. Both funding sources have been heavily reduced during the pandemic. With far fewer staff than normal, park rangers are focusing on essential duties so other services may fall by the wayside. Events and programs may be canceled, ice or firewood sales may be suspended, and grounds maintenance and trash pickup will be less frequent. Many facilities will be closed or have sharply reduced hours. Shower and restroom facilities, ranger booths, welcome centers, and other places will be affected. Go to the webpage for the park you plan to visit before you leave to learn what is open and what's closed. You are urged to take your own snacks, water, hand sanitizer, and toilet paper. Please pack out your trash. With the weather heating up, campfire restrictions may be in effect in some state parks. Check campground and trailhead notice boards for posted fire restrictions. Because of the funding gap, some state parks will remain closed until at least Labor Day. To date, these parks include: Alfred A. Loeb State Park campground and day-use. Battle Mountain Forest State Scenic Corridor day-use (no campground). Cape Blanco State Park campground and day-use (closed through 2020). Carl G. Washburne Memorial State Park campground. Devil's Lake State Recreation Area campground. Saddle Mountain State Natural Area campground

and trails. Ukiah-Dale Forest State Scenic Corridor campground and day-use. Umpqua Lighthouse State Park campground. ; Expect more increased activity this week at the Downtown Riverfront Project in Eugene. Earlier this month, construction crews began working on infrastructure at the former Eugene Water & electric Board site along the Willamette River. During the summer, you'll see workers installing underground utilities, including water, sewer, storm drains, electrical conduits, and fiber optics for communications. Crews will also build segments of four streets, construct sidewalks, plant trees, and install special streetlights. The first phase of the infrastructure project carries an estimated at \$6 million price tag and will also include two large-scale water treatment facilities to help clean water from the Ferry Street Bridge Viaduct before it flows into the Willamette River. Crews will also build several traffic-calming measures, including intersections with slightly raised pavement, to provide safer spaces for people to walk, bicycle and drive. The first phase of infrastructure work is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The infrastructure will lay the foundation for future work to connect downtown to the new Downtown Riverfront Park. Work on the park is already underway. Once completed in spring 2021, the park will include broad river views, new bicycle and pedestrian paths, and seating. Integrated art pieces will in turn help tell the stories about the ecology, industry, and community, past and present, creating a park experience that's truly all about Eugene. ; Lane County Parks is fully reopening the popular Orchard Point, Perkins Peninsula, Richardson, and Baker Bay day-use areas starting Wednesday (June 24). Those day-use areas currently are accessible only to pedestrian traffic. The parks will close at dusk each day. Parks officials ask that you continue to practice physical distancing. And a reminder as we head for early July: Park visitors are prohibited from bringing fireworks of any kind to Lane County parks. ; Good news from Eugene Parks & Recreation: Amazon Pool reopens today for lap swims and on-your-own fitness. Lap swimming and fitness will require prior lane registration to participate. Drop-ins will not be taken. Register for your pool time online. Eugene Rec officials hope to have Sheldon Pool open with similar programming by mid-July. Echo Hollow Pool is closed this year because it is undergoing a big renovation and expansion. Eugene Rec also is requiring all participants to register for a free participant card before activity registration. That's also available online. Also: River Road Park and Recreation District is working to reopen its pool for lap swims and fitness. That date is tentatively set for July 1 but keep an eye on the River Road Parks website for updates. ; In Springfield, Willamalane Park Swim Center reopens today. Swimmers: There are new safety guidelines in place, including advance reservations for lanes, one-way traffic, capacity limits, adjusted programming, and increased sanitation. Registration for time blocks opened June 18 and continues online at Willamalane.org/Pools ; Willamalane Park & Recreation District in Springfield has created a new service to help Springfield-area seniors stay healthy and connected while still staying physically distant. A Book & Puzzle Delivery exchange. This program helps seniors who may be experiencing isolation to access new activities. Willamalane staff offer no-contact book and puzzle delivery service to seniors. From 11 a.m.–2 p.m. on Wednesdays, items will be delivered to participants' doors without them having to leave their homes. Or, participants may drop by for a convenient pick-up on Thursdays during Senior Meals curbside lunch service at Willamalane Adult Activity Center from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. The items may be borrowed for one month. To sign up, please call the front desk at 541-736-4444 to be put on a weekly list or sign up online at willamalane.org/services / **RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING, CRIME, COMMUNITY:** Eugene Police say thank you for all of the leads. They're continuing to investigate vandalism to the city's newest mural. It came after supporters of the "Black Lives Matter" got a permit from the city to create a street mural on the stretch of East 8th Avenue in front of the federal courthouse. The city permit closed the street to

vehicle traffic until 7:30 this morning. Organizers painted the extra-large words "Black Lives Matter" in large yellow letters on the pavement. Then sometime overnight, someone vandalized it with their vehicle, leaving a series of very long skid marks across the words. Eugene Police on Saturday afternoon circulated surveillance images of the suspect vehicle and asking for tips. By Saturday evening, investigators say they'd identified the suspected driver of the vehicle. They're working to determine whether if the vandalism was racially motivated. In the meantime, those behind the mural came up with a new idea on Sunday, as dozens turned out and dipped their hands in different colored paints to create a wide, flowing rainbow of handprints that followed the path of the skid marks. ; Supporters of the Springfield Police Department say they're holding a rally and parade this evening. It gets underway at 6 p.m. in the plaza outside the Springfield Library. Organizers say this event is intended to be peaceful and positive. There have been some social media posts calling for a counter-protest ahead of the original event. ; Large crowds gathered for events Friday in the Portland, Oregon metropolitan region to celebrate Juneteenth, a holiday that commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. A rally was planned around a fountain alongside the Willamette River in downtown Portland, as well as a Juneteenth block party and a children's march. Portland this week designated June 19 a paid holiday for city workers and Gov. Kate Brown plans to introduce a bill to make it a state holiday. Hundreds showed up at a march in North Portland. ; A peaceful protest in Portland against racial injustice turned violent early Sunday after baton-wielding police used flash-bang grenades to disperse demonstrators throwing bottles, cans, and rocks at officers. The clash occurred near the Justice Center downtown after a peaceful demonstration that lasted several hours. The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office says deputies and Portland police arrested several people after a group of protesters pulled down a fence cordoning off the center, tossed objects including fireworks at officers and ignored repeated warnings to disperse. It said some people shined lasers into the eyes of deputies. KOIN-TV reports the demonstration was the 23rd consecutive day of protests against police brutality and racism. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Lane County Public Works is making major safety improvements to Territorial Highway between Gillespie Corners and the community of Lorane. Work begins today (Monday, June 22) and includes stabilizing Stony Point, softening the sharp curves between Gillespie Corners and Lorane, and widening and paving that section of the road. Stabilizing Stony Point is a complex task: Crews must tackle three different areas where the hillside has slumped for years—and continues to move. The slow-shifting landslides affect a 2,500-foot section of road. A retaining wall will be constructed across the largest slide area. The slide area will be excavated and replaced with soil and flexible mesh (geotextile) material to create reinforced soil. The new roadway will be constructed on top of the reinforced soil and retaining wall. During construction, the road will remain open with at least one lane for travel. The travel lanes will be a gravel or dirt surface. There may be short intervals of limited traffic delays while construction work is in progress. It is recommended that people travelling on bicycles use alternative routes as the work zone will likely be steep and hard to navigate on a bicycle. Work will continue into the fall, including travel delays. A wet summer or early start to the rainy season could extend the length of construction into late fall or the 2021 construction season. The improvement plan reflects community and neighbor input gathered in 2014. More information about the project is available at www.LaneCountyOR.gov/TerritorialHighway. Territorial Highway Background: The 42-mile stretch of Territorial Highway located within Lane County's boundaries, except for the portion that is also Highway 36, was transferred to the jurisdiction of Lane County from the Oregon Department of Transportation in 2019. Maintenance of the highway is set to transfer in sections to Lane County over the next four years. / RECREATION: Crews with the

Willamette National Forest are temporarily closing access to the parking lot for Sahalie Falls (suh-HAY'-lee) and the adjacent section of the McKenzie River Trail will close starting today (Monday, June 22) through Friday, June 26, while new safety rails are installed. McKenzie Ranger District officials say they know this is popular sites, which is why they expect to complete work before the weekend. They are also reminding summer visitors to Sahalie Falls to stay safe during their visit: Pay attention to posted warning signs. Stay on established trails and enjoy the view from overlooks. Do not jump off waterfalls or dive into waterfall pools. Unseen objects, such as logs and boulders, may be just under the water's surface. Never swim or wade upstream near a waterfall, even if the water appears shallow and calm. The currents close to the falls can pull swimmers over the edge. / CRIME: Springfield Police put out an advisory at the start of the weekend to anyone holding a garage sale. On Friday, officers received multiple calls about counterfeit money being used at garage sales in the Springfield area. Callers said a woman and man were going from garage sale to garage sale passing counterfeit \$20 and \$50 bills. Witnesses said the pair would purchase low dollar-amount items, pay for the item or items with counterfeit bills, and receive change from the residents of the home. It sounds like they relied on distraction and busy garage sale operators to pull off the scam: The counterfeit bills have the word "Replica" on them and have a different texture than actual U.S. Currency. Springfield Police advised anyone holding garage sales over the weekend to be cautious and watch for similar activity. And they say if anyone has information regarding the incidents, please contact the Springfield Police Department at 541-726-3714. / SAFETY, CHILDREN: We learned this month that two lots of Children's Robitussin Honey Cough and Chest Congestion DM and Children's Dimetapp Cold and Cough by GSK are being recalled because the dosing cups are missing some of their markings. That could result in a child receiving the wrong amount of medication. /

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That jump in local COVID-19 positive tests over the weekend? Officials say six are people in their 20s who socialize frequently as a group at bars and house parties. They told health investigators that physical distancing and the wearing protective face coverings was not taking place. Lane County Public Health is following up with the affected bars to determine whether there were public points of exposure. This is another reminder that there are important reasons we're being asked to take precautions during the pandemic: Your actions affect the ENTIRE community. Public health officials say this one cluster, or one like it, has the potential to completely unravel all our good work during the past three months of keeping Lane County infection rates low. Long-term, it can affect businesses and the economy. Just last week in Eastern Oregon's Union County, an outbreak of COVID-19 cases prompted a rollback from Phase Two to Phase One restrictions. Health officials remind you: Indifference will not protect you from the pandemic, nor will it protect those with whom you come in contact. That includes your friends, your family, and the people you encounter. The results can be devastating whether you're carrying the virus to the grocery store, to the office, or into your home. Please, be safe. ; Lane County Public Health officials say that cluster of positive tests came as they were notified of 11 new cases recently. At least nine have been tied to previously diagnosed cases. Eight of the new cases are among people in their 20s—including the six who are in the same social group. There also is a confirmed case involving a teenager and two new cases among people in their 40s. Officials are expected to offer more details at this morning's regular media briefing. Lane County's number of confirmed and presumptive cases stands 107. Public Health officials say 103 of those are confirmed cases, four are presumptive. Officials say that, to date, none of the county's confirmed infections have been tied to large gatherings such as protests, or rallies. No one is hospitalized. There are 21 active cases. All are being monitored as they rest at home. Three people have died since mid-March. At least 19,321 people have been tested locally for the coronavirus. ; University of Oregon officials say three recent positive tests for the coronavirus involved U-of-O students, as did one recent presumptive test. No other details were released, but that brings the total confirmed and presumptive tests tied to the university to five. That includes one earlier student diagnosis that was announced on June 12. ; We've now had more than seven-thousand positive tests for the coronavirus in Oregon. State health officials yesterday reported 146 new confirmed and presumptive cases and two new deaths. The new diagnoses push Oregon's total confirmed cases to 7,083 since late February and the state's death toll to 192. There are 145 patients with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 in Oregon's hospitals. Forty-eight of those are being treated in intensive-care units

and 27 of those are on ventilators. More than 206,000 Oregonians have been tested. ; Multnomah County health officials said yesterday much of the coronavirus spread is occurring among "close social networks." Multnomah, which is Oregon's most populous county and home to Portland, implemented Phase One of the state's reopening plan on Friday. While health officials expect an increase in cases during reopening, the goal remains to minimize the number of people hospitalized. ; ; Now that they've cleared one backlog, they're working their way through another. Officials with the Oregon Employment Department say it's been a challenge integrating and deploying the new federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance or "P-U-A" program for self-employed, contract and "gig" workers. It was approved by Congress in late March. Officials say tens of thousands of people have filed for the benefits but still are waiting for their first checks. Much in the same way the agency addressed the backlog on traditional unemployment benefits claims filings, they're doing the same with the P-U-A benefits. They're shifting more personnel to processing claims and callback those wanting the status of their filing. Oregon Employment officials say they've received 97,000 of the PUA claims and reviewed 24,000 of them—a process which requires first determining whether the applicant qualifies for traditional jobless benefits before moving ahead with the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance claim. Officials say they've begun paying 16,800 claims with a total \$90 million in benefits. But another 70,000 remain to be processed. At the same time, claims specialists are working to determine whether some people who were denied regular unemployment might be eligible for PUA benefits. The agency also is working with a technology company to automate PUA applications and improve phone line capacity. The goal is to process another 5,000 claims next week, 7,500 the following week, 10,000 the next week, and so on. Recent Oregon Employment department numbers indicate 243,500 Oregonians have lost their jobs during the pandemic, leading to a record close to 500,000 filings for initial unemployment benefits since mid-March. ; What will the next big federal stimulus package look like? Congressional and White House leaders agree it will focus on America's infrastructure, perhaps to the tune of one (tr)trillion dollars. One of the key players in the effort is Oregon's Fourth District Congressman, Peter DeFazio, who chairs the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure. He's been working to shape the House proposal, known as the "INVEST in America" Act. This week, it earned praise from local leaders across Southwestern Oregon, who say funding to repair and replace road, bridge, rail, and transit systems is desperately needed and can help jumpstart the post-pandemic economy. Officials in the region's cities say infrastructure improvements will aid their economies by putting people to work on the projects in the short-term and, once finished, allowing businesses and communities to expand. Those in rural areas say road and bridge improvements are critical for business, transportation of timber and wood products, access to public lands and more. Coastal officials say the money can enhance local economic development and port efforts. DeFazio's proposal also includes funds for promoting public transit, and improving safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. His committee approved the "INVEST in America" Act last week and the bill is expected to go to the full U.S. House at the end of the month. ; Riders are slowly returning to Lane Transit District buses as businesses continue to reopen, people travel to medical and dental appointments or shop for groceries, and summer passengers look for affordable ways to get around the area. LTD officials say Monday through Saturday bus ridership now averages more than 10,000 passenger boardings per day. But that's still well below the more than 35,000 daily passenger boardings prior to the pandemic. Lane Transit buses continue to be free to ride. Everyone on board, including the driver and passengers, must wear protective coverings over their noses and mouths. Do not ride if you are sick. Bus drivers and other LTD employees continue to have their temperatures taken when they arrive for work. The front bus doors continue to be

reserved for use by riders with disabilities and others who need the assistive lift. All other riders should board through the back doors. Buses are cleaned nightly with strong but safe disinfectants and buses are cleaned several times during the day at the Eugene and Springfield stations. To maintain physical distancing, LTD is limits its 40-foot buses to 20 passengers and 60-foot buses to 30 passengers. That's about two-thirds or less of normal capacity. Passengers are encouraged to stand or sit six feet from others. Lane Transit continues to operate at a reduced level of service. Visit LTD.org or call LTD Customer Service at 541-687-5555 for more information. ; FOOD for Lane County, our local food bank, has partnered with some terrific local organizations, school districts, and others to keep hungry families and children fed during the pandemic. One of them, NAACP Eugene Springfield Oregon Unit 1119, has hosted a mobile food pantry, hosted two school lunch sites, and more. Now, the organization is preparing to host one of FOOD for Lane County's Summer Lunch sites beginning Monday, June 29. / RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING, COMMUNITY: A pro-police protest and a counter-protest in Springfield yesterday evening. The gatherings met outside Springfield's City Hall, leading to a few angry verbal confrontations but only one arrest. The noisy gatherings included some bullhorns and a couple of demonstrators open-carrying AR-15 style rifles. Backers of the pro-police rally said they wanted to show support for Springfield Police, and show their opposition to any efforts to defund or dismantle the agency. Organizers of the counter-protesters said they wanted to show their support for the Black Lives Matter Movement and for a push to shift funding away from police agencies and to mental health and other intervention programs. ; The Douglas County Sheriff's Office is investigating a social media post by a man who reported finding a noose outside his yurt over the weekend at Whistlers Bend Park. While officials did not identify the person who made the post, the owner of the Facebook page appears to be a Black man who says he left the park for about 90 minutes to purchase provisions and returned to find a noose knotted from twine hanging from a tree branch outside the yurt. Investigators were working yesterday to contact the person to learn more about the incident and determine whether it was a hate crime. They are also asking anyone else who might know something about the incident to contact the Douglas County sheriff's Office at 541-440-4471. / CRIME: Two men wanted for the murders of seven people in Alabama were arrested on Sunday in Oregon by deputies from the Marion County Sheriff's Office and SWAT team, assisted by the FBI and Aumsville police. It came during a traffic stop near Stayton after investigators determined the suspects had relatives in Oregon. 22-year-old Frederic Rogers and 19-year-old John Legg were wanted in connection with the deaths of four men and three women whose bodies were found earlier this month in a burning home in a town near Huntsville, Alabama. Investigators said deputies in Alabama has answered several calls at the home in recent years for complaints of drug activity, robbery, trespassing and other disturbances. Rogers and Legg will be extradited to Alabama. ; The man convicted of killing two men and wounding a third on a MAX light rail train in Portland in 2017 will be sentenced today. Jeremy Christian was found guilty earlier this year on 12 counts, including the two murders and attempted murder, as well as assault and intimidation. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports that sentencing was originally scheduled for March but was canceled and rescheduled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Christian could face a prison sentence of life without the possibility of parole. At a minimum, he faces at least life in prison with the possibility of parole after 30 years. / TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT: Lane Transit District is also moving forward with efforts to gradually retire its buses and other fleet vehicles that run on fossil fuels over the next 15 years. It came after a unanimous vote at last week's LTD Board meeting. The transit district aims to replace 25 of its aging fossil fuel and hybrid buses with electric buses by 2023. In March, Lane Transit ordered 11 "New Flyer" battery-electric buses. The first is

expected to arrive later this year, with all 11 in service by next summer. The 11 battery-electric buses are being purchased with money from the Federal Transit Administration's "Low or No-Emission" fund and Lane Transit's general fund. LTD officials say reducing tailpipe emissions is just one way to reduce climate change and is part of a series of joint efforts by local governments. / RECREATION: A modest increase in day-use and camping fees to help pay for maintenance and other projects. On July 1, Lane County Parks is increasing some of its fees for the first time since 2013. The changes include increasing the daily parking fee from \$4.00 to \$5.00 – although the cost of an annual parking pass will remain at \$40.00. Full hook-up RV campsites at Armitage and Harbor Vista campgrounds will increase from \$30 to \$35 per night. Partial hook-up RV campsites at Armitage, Harbor Vista and Richardson campgrounds will increase from \$25 to \$30 per night. Baker Bay RV campsites will increase from \$20 to \$23 per night. Reservations made before July 1 will be honored at the prices that were in effect at the time the reservation was made. Reservations made on or after July 1 will be at the new prices. The fee increases were first discussed last fall and approved by the Board of County Commissioners in February. They were made after analyzing the cost for comparable recreation services across the region. For more information about parking passes and campsite reservations, go to www.LaneCountyOR.gov/parks / WILDLIFE, EDUCATION: A longtime osprey nest on a platform above the University of Oregon School of Law is home to three chicks this season. They were just named to honor three UO Women's Basketball stars. The chicks will bear the names Sabrina, Ruthy and Satou, a nod to players Sabrina Ionescu, Ruthy Hebard and Satou Sabally. Like previous hatchlings, the young osprey got their official names through an online naming campaign. It started in May and concluded in early June with close to 150 different names submitted by the public. Rayna Jackson, a spokesperson for the UO School of Law, says that some of the names were creative and included "Ospreyton Pritchard," "Ospreyfontaine," and "Bird Bowerman." Other suggestions, such as Huey, Dewey, and Louie, are suggested every year. Jackson says the second-place names included the Kalapuya words for one, two and three: Tauna, Gemet, and Pshin. Third-place names were Agate, Onyx and Columbia – to honor some well-known buildings on campus. Want to get a closer look at the nest and follow the development of the chicks? There's an "Oregon Law Osprey Group" on Facebook and the Live Osprey Cam may be viewed at <https://law.uoregon.edu/osprey/>

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TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: A big mess on northbound Interstate Five just before the Glenwood exit yesterday afternoon, as a semi-trailer rolled, spilling a load of sheetrock. The shattered pieces of drywall covered portions of the travel lanes near Milepost 189 and both northbound lanes were closed for a time to salvage the trailer and clean up the debris. The I-5 backup stretched for miles. Traffic was being detoured for a time on nearby McVay Highway into Springfield and onto Highway 126 before returning to the interstate. The northbound lanes of Interstate 5 reopened around 6:00 p.m. / COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION, RELIGION, CRIME, SAFETY: Officials with Lane County Public Health are trying to get a better sense of whether and to what extent the coronavirus might be spreading in rural areas. During the next few weeks, they're holding a series of testing events in Oakridge, Mapleton, Florence, and Cottage Grove. There are separate events scheduled for the Latinx community in Eugene-Springfield, Florence, and Cottage Grove. Testing is open to all community members, but priority is being given to individuals in high-risk groups, first responders, individuals who have not been able to maintain physical distancing throughout the outbreak (having had to work, etc.), and individuals who are symptomatic. All test results and personal medical information is confidential and will not be shared. If an individual tests positive, they will be contacted by a Lane County Public Health with the contact information they provide. Testing is free, but community members with insurance are asked to bring their insurance information. Here are details on the sessions: Oakridge-June 24, 10 AM-1 PM, First Baptist Church, 47606 School Street; Mapleton-June 27, 10 AM-12:30 PM, Mapleton Food Share, 10718 OR-126; Florence-July 1, 10 AM-1 PM, Florence Food Share, 2190 Spruce Street; Cottage Grove-July 16, 4-7 PM, The Health Hub (parking lot), 1515 Village Drive. For more information and additional testing locations, please check: <http://www.lanecounty.org/communitytesting> ; No new COVID-19 cases announced in Lane County yesterday. We remain at 103 confirmed cases and four presumptive cases. No one is hospitalized. Of the 21 patients being monitored with active cases, all are sick at home. But Lane County Public Health officials did share more details from the large number of new cases reported over the weekend. They say two of the presumptive cases are people in their 20s are connected to the cluster of six 20-somethings who had positive tests over the weekend. Health investigators say those in the cluster know each other and socialize frequently as a group at bars and house parties. But the patients said that physical distancing and the wearing protective face coverings was not taking place. Lane County Public Health continues to follow up with affected businesses and individuals to determine whether there were public points of exposure. Also, one person in their 40s whose positive test was announced over the weekend works for Alvord-Taylor, which serves people with developmental

disabilities in the Eugene-Springfield area. Alvord-Taylor manages 18 group homes and also provides services to clients living in their own apartments. Health investigators say the affected worker did not have a lot of exposure to others but that contact tracing is continuing. Officials say Alvord-Taylor managers and staff have working with Lane County Public Health and following all public health guidelines. Officials say that, to date, none of the county's confirmed infections have been tied to large gatherings such as protests, or rallies. Three people have died since mid-March. At least 19,925 people have been tested locally for the coronavirus. ; There's been a COVID-19 outbreak at another Oregon food processor and the Oregon Health Authority yesterday reported another 192 new cases, statewide but no new deaths. The new diagnoses push Oregon's total confirmed cases to 7,274 since late February as the state's death toll remains at 192. The outbreak is at potato processor Lamb Weston's facility in Hermiston in Eastern Oregon's Umatilla County. State health investigators are monitoring a cluster of 37 cases affecting some employees and family members. The Hermiston Herald reports Lamb Weston shut down its facility on June 15 for deep cleaning. Company officials say the facility will remain closed until it is considered safe to resume operations. Lamb Weston is one of Hermiston's largest employers. In June 2019, the company cut the ribbon on a new \$250 million expansion of its French fry factory and at the time reported that the location's 570 employees produced approximately 750 million pounds of potato products per year. Statewide, there are 184 patients with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 in Oregon's hospitals—up close to 40 from yesterday. Fifty-eight of those are being treated in intensive-care units—that's up 10 from Tuesday's numbers. Twenty-eight of those patients are on ventilators. More than 210,000 Oregonians have been tested. ; It does NOT affect Lane County, although cloth face coverings continue to be encouraged here. But today is the day that people in Portland's tri-county area, in Salem's Marion and Polk counties, in coastal Lincoln County, and in Hood River County must begin wearing masks when they are in indoor or outdoor public areas. It's designed to slow the spread of the coronavirus in some of the state's hotspots. Those who violate the new executive order will not be arrested or get a ticket for not wearing a face covering. But retailers and other operators of indoor public spaces may bar people without face coverings from entering. Certain people will be exempt from having to wear a face mask, including children that are 12 or younger or someone with medical conditions where wearing a face covering hinders their ability to breathe. The seven counties were chosen based on population density, the spread of coronavirus and the vulnerability of the communities. However, any county not listed under this new face covering requirement may request to opt in at any time. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. ; Beginning today and through the month of July, the Springfield Grocery Outlet again is partnering with Catholic Community Services for the "Independence From Hunger" campaign. The store's owners, Tracy and Tom Hogan, are longtime supporters of the non-profit and started the event in 2015. When you shop at the Springfield Grocery Outlet and donate \$5 or more at checkout during the month of July, you will receive a coupon for \$5 off your next Grocery Outlet purchase of \$25 or more. Your donation helps fill bags of groceries that are donated to Catholic Community Services' Springfield food pantry and then distributed to those in need. Last year, the CCS Springfield food pantry served more 10,000 people and this annual event made a big difference. In August of 2019, the non-profit received 3,450 pounds of food items from the "Independence from Hunger" campaign. ; Think you're eligible for one of those federal stimulus checks but still have not received it? Experts with the Oregon Department of Revenue say filing your taxes might help speed the process. The federal and state income tax filing deadlines were extended to July 15 because of

the pandemic. Even if you don't think you need to file because you have a low income, Department of Revenue experts say it's worth doing. Visit www.irs.gov and use the "non-filers" tool to register for your payment. When you file, you might qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit or EITC. If you worked last year and had income of less than \$55,952 you may be eligible for the EITC. Even if you aren't required to file a tax return, you may qualify for refundable credits. You may also file for the Earned Income Tax Credit for the past three years by filing a return, or amending a previously filed return. In Oregon, 245,000 people received more than \$524 million with an average amount of \$2,139 from the Earned Income Tax Credit in 2019. Officials say many more people were potentially eligible. ; Hundreds of thousands of dollars in coronavirus relief payments have been sent to people behind bars across the United States, and the IRS wants the money back. The federal tax agency is asking state officials to help claw back the cash it says was mistakenly sent. The legislation that authorized the payments during the pandemic does not specifically exclude jail or prison inmates. An IRS spokesman says the agency is relying on the unrelated Social Security Act, which bans incarcerated people from receiving some types of benefit payments. But some advocates for the incarcerated say inmates need the money, especially if they've been recently released. ; The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is warning people not to use certain hand sanitizer products because they may contain methanol, a toxic substance when absorbed through skin or ingested. Methanol is a toxic alcohol that is used industrially as a solvent, pesticide and alternative fuel source, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control. Significant exposure to methanol can result in nausea, vomiting, headache, blurred vision, permanent blindness, seizures, coma, permanent damage to the nervous system and death. According to a study by the National Center for Biotechnology Information, methanol can potentially be lethal only if used in a dose of 30 to 240 ml. The FDA advises consumers to "stop using these hand sanitizers and dispose of them immediately": All-Clean Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-002-01); Esk BiochemHandSanitizer (NDC: 74589-007-01); CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 75% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-008-04); Lavar 70 Gel Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-006-01); The Good Gel Antibacterial Gel Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-010-10); CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 80% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-005-03); CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 75% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-009-01); CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 80% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-003-01); and Saniderm Advanced Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-001-01). Those exposed to hand sanitizers that contain methanol should seek medical care immediately, according to the FDA. The FDA found methanol in samples of Lavar Gel and CleanCare No Germ hand sanitizers manufactured by Eskbiochem SA, a chemical manufacturer based in Mexico. Children who accidentally ingest hand sanitizer and young people who drink hand sanitizer as an alcohol substitute are at an increased risk for methanol poisoning, the FDA said. ; Riders are slowly returning to Lane Transit District buses as businesses continue to reopen, people travel to medical and dental appointments or shop for groceries, and summer passengers look for affordable ways to get around the area. LTD officials say that Monday through Saturday bus ridership now averages more than 10,000 passenger boardings per day. But that's still well below the more than 35,000 daily passenger boardings prior to the pandemic. Lane Transit buses continue to be free to ride. Everyone on board, including the driver and passengers, must wear protective coverings over their noses and mouths. Do not ride if you are sick. Bus drivers and other LTD employees continue to have their temperatures taken when they arrive for work. The front bus doors continue to be reserved for use by riders with disabilities and others who need the assistive lift. All other riders should board through the back doors. Buses are cleaned nightly with strong but safe disinfectants and buses are cleaned several times during the day at the Eugene and Springfield stations. To

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Municipal Court has assigned a base fine of \$375 for criminal violations of this ordinance. Both hosts and property owners could be civilly liable for police, fire and public works response to repeated illegal gatherings that fall under this ordinance. Legal fireworks in Oregon can be sold from June 23 through July 6 of each year. These include fountains, spinners, and wheels available at retail fireworks outlets. Additionally, legal fireworks produce only smoke, sparks or fire but DO NOT explode, eject balls of fire, fly into the air more than 12 inches, or travel more than six feet on the ground. When both legal and illegal fireworks are improperly handled, injuries and fire damage occur. Illegal fireworks include but are not limited to, firecrackers, bottle rockets and roman candles, fly into the air, explode, and behave in an uncontrolled and unpredictable manner. Illegal fireworks are extremely dangerous and create extreme fire danger. Possession of illegal fireworks is a class B misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of \$2,500 and six months in jail. Cherry bombs, M-80's and larger, and any legal or illegal firework that has been modified are considered an EXPLOSIVE DEVICE and should not be handled. Call the Eugene Police Department immediately and do not transport. Wood-core sparklers are considered legal retail fireworks. The 10-inch wire core sparklers are considered an unclassified item and not a firework and can be sold and used throughout the year. / AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, NATIVE AMERICANS: A lawsuit filed by Klamath Basin farmers seeking compensation for a federal irrigation shutdown will not be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court. The Capital Press reports that ends nearly two decades of litigation. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation stopped water deliveries to irrigators in the Klamath Project along the Oregon-California border in 2001 to protect an endangered sucker fish. That prompted farmers to accuse the federal government of taking their water rights without just compensation. Contractual and jurisdictional matters took decades to unwind in federal court, along with a detour to the Oregon Supreme Court to answer questions about state water law. Last year, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ultimately dismissed the lawsuit because the water rights held by several tribes were senior to those of the farmers, justifying the federal government's irrigation curtailment. On June 22, the nation's highest court denied a petition by affected irrigators to review the appellate court's ruling, letting that dismissal decision stand. The irrigators had urged the Supreme Court to take the case, arguing the earlier ruling would "upend a century of western water law" because the appeals court concluded the tribes had senior water rights even though that had not been adjudicated in state court as required. In its opinion, the Federal Circuit determined the Bureau of Reclamation could legitimately halt water deliveries to comply with the Endangered Species Act, which was necessary to protect water rights held by tribes needed for their "hunting and fishing lifestyles." The U.S. government was joined by environmental and fishermen's groups in urging the nation's highest court to let the Federal Circuit's ruling stand, saying it was consistent with federal case law and that Endangered Species Act protections are also necessary to preserve the senior tribal water rights. / CRIME: The sentencing for a man convicted of killing two men and injuring a third on a light rail train in Portland in 2017 was delayed Tuesday when Jeremy Christian told a survivor he regretted not killing her. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports his hearing will continue today to give more time to the victims and their families to make statements before the judge hands down Christian's prison sentence. Christian was found guilty earlier this year on 12 counts, including those murders and attempted murder, as well as assault and intimidation. At a minimum, Christian faces at least life in prison with the possibility of parole after 30 years. /

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GOVERNMENT, POLITICS: The oldest building on the University of Oregon
campus will no longer be named for an early white settler who supported slavery
and who helped draft the state's Constitution, which barred Black people from
living in the territory. After years of pressure from student activists, the university's
board of trustees unanimously decided yesterday to rename Deady (DEE'-dee)
Hall. It was named for Matthew Deady, who was president of Oregon's
constitutional convention in 1857, a federal judge and co-founder of the university.
U-of-O President Michael Schill had commissioned a report on a possible
renaming in 2015 in response to demands by students during a Black Lives
Matter protest. The report, published in 2016, determined Deady was a racist. It
confirmed that Deady helped shape Oregon's Constitution, which contained a
clause prohibiting Black people from residing in the new state. That clause was
not repealed until 1927. But Schill decided in 2017 not to dename the building. He
said that Deady had moderated his views later in life. Schill noted that Deady
supported the 14th and 15th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, which
guaranteed equal protection and voting access. As a judge, Schill added that
Deady had spoken up for Chinese immigrants who faced persecution. During
current nationwide protests in the wake of the death of George Floyd, Deady Hall
was again a focus. On June 7, about 1,500 Black Lives Matter protesters
marched to the building on the campus in Eugene. The building will be called
University Hall until a formal renaming process takes place during the coming
school year. ; Last night in Eugene, marchers supporting the Black Lives Matter
movement held a gathering in the Whiteaker neighborhood and briefly closed a
stretch of the Northwest Expressway at the Chambers Connector. Speakers said
they were disappointed that the Eugene City Council this week approved a new
city budget that did not reallocate any police funds to social services. The group
Black Unity plans another gathering on Friday and a children's protest on Sunday.
; Oregon lawmakers began their special session Wednesday to address the
state's budget shortfall in the wake of the pandemic and consider proposals that
backers say will improve law enforcement accountability following weeks of
protests for racial justice and police reform. Special provisions were aimed at
preventing those from attending the session from contracting COVID-19. Masks
were required for staff but only recommended for lawmakers, some of whom
skipped wearing them. Lawmakers feeling sick or with a temperature, or who
have someone in their household who was recently ill, were told to stay home.
The building was closed to the public, with access controlled by badges or special
permission from legislative leadership and proceedings instead streamed online.
Dining rooms were closed, drinking fountains turned off and bathrooms restricted
to single occupancy. On the coronavirus side of the agenda, draft proposals

would mandate rent protections during the coronavirus emergency and prohibit a lender from treating a borrower's failure to make loan payment as a declaration of default. On the policing side, proposals would prohibit law enforcement officers from limiting the ability of a person to breathe, create a statewide online database of discipline records, prevent an arbitrator from reducing punishments for officers, ban the use of tear gas on protesters, and allow the state attorney general to investigate and prosecute in cases where officers kill or seriously injure a person. Oregon's law enforcement unions are critical of all six police accountability bills, saying the measures appear rushed and contain legal loopholes. Backers say the bills are being updated this week and fine-tuned. But some Republican lawmakers say they're not sure which proposals they could support. Lawmakers did advance four bills out of committee yesterday. The Statesman Journal reports the first three would extend small school district grants and school district funding for foreign exchange students; create an Eastern Oregon economic development grant program; and halt the courts from suspending someone's driver's license for failure to pay a traffic-related fine. The fourth bill contains forestry-related provisions stemming from a memorandum of understanding between Oregon's forest industry and environmental interests from earlier this year. The special session comes less than four months after the regular 2020 session ended early and acrimoniously when Republican lawmakers, who are in the political minority in both chambers, staged a walkout to block a bill aimed at reducing Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions. The regular session's abrupt end left many other bills in limbo. Legislative leaders and the governor say a second special session is likely later this summer to further address the huge budget shortfall caused by state-ordered business closures during the first months of the pandemic and the resulting drop in tax revenues. Last month, state economists said the state could see a drop in General Fund and other revenues of \$2.7 billion between now and the middle of next year, as well as a drop of \$4.4 billion in revenues for the 2021-23 biennium. State agencies are already drawing up plans for 17 percent budget cuts. ; A month of nightly protests in Portland has cost the city at least \$6.2 million. Portland Police Chief Chuck Lovell disclosed the amount in a statement and called it a "staggering sum." The sum does not include straight time pay due to officers who were reassigned to the demonstrations from other areas. Peaceful demonstrations against racial injustice and police brutality continue to attract hundreds to Portland each night. But Lovell says there is a separate group of several hundred people who also gather nightly, taunting officers and causing damage. / COVID-19: BUSINESS, HEALTH: The Oregon Employment Department disclosed last week that it had accumulated a backlog of more than 70,000 unprocessed Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims, for the first time providing data to illustrate the crisis facing tens of thousands of Oregonians who have gone without income during the height of the coronavirus pandemic. The department announced last week that it was launching a new initiative, FOCUS PUA, to shift resources and staff toward addressing the massive backlog of unprocessed PUA claims. Oregon estimates that it will be able to process 5,000 claims in the first week of the program and that its weekly processing numbers will grow by 2,500 per week thereafter, enabling the state to overcome the current backlog of PUA claims within six or seven weeks. The department is also simultaneously working with Google to create a new web-based PUA application system that it hopes to roll out in the first half of July to address many of the issues that have led to the current PUA backlog. "That would have us being caught up that week of August 8, assuming that we don't see a big increase in the number of new claims being filed as we're going forward," said David Gerstenfeld, interim director of the Oregon Employment Department. "We are still receiving new PUA applications, but the rate as of now has slowed down quite a bit." But Oregonians who have been waiting months for their claims to be processed remain skeptical that the state will be able to quickly fix the issues that

have plagued the PUA program. Oregon didn't open its PUA application process until late April, a month after the federal government expanded unemployment insurance to include self-employed individuals. ; Health experts have long said that the whole point of wearing cloth face coverings or masks is not to protect you from the coronavirus—but to protect the people around you. True, a fabric mask cannot block dry virus particles floating in the air that you might encounter and inhale. But that's not what masks do. When you wear a fabric mask, it can catch those tiny water droplets you exhale—droplets that, if you're infected with COVID-19, are packed with the virus. The idea is to have the cloth mask absorb most of that, giving any people you might encounter when you're out and about protection from casual exposure. We mention this because new numbers from researchers who specialize in predicting the spread of the coronavirus forecast if infection trends from the past couple of weeks continue, another 55,000 Americans will die between now and October 1. But the study from the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation concludes that if people wore face coverings or masks when they're out in public, the number could be cut by 33,000. In Oregon, the projection anticipates another 641 deaths as infection rates accelerate—that's well above the 195 who have died. But the projections also conclude one in four of those forecasted deaths could be prevented if people wore masks. Yesterday, the United States set a single-day record for new COVID-19 infections. State health departments reported a combined 36,000 new cases. ; No new COVID-19 cases announced in Lane County yesterday. But one person now is hospitalized while another 21 patients with active cases remain sick at home. Since the pandemic arrived in Lane County, 102 have tested positive for the virus. There are five presumptive cases. Three people have died since mid-March. At least 20,184 people have been tested locally for the coronavirus. Yesterday, Lane County Public Health held a free coronavirus testing event in Oakridge. On Saturday, another free testing opportunity takes place for people living in and around Mapleton. It runs from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Mapleton Food Share, located at 10718 Highway 126. Again, that's on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. There is also an event today in Springfield for members of the Latinx community, who have seen higher numbers of infections because many residents work in jobs where physical distancing is difficult. It runs from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at Gamebird Park, 1500 Mallard Avenue in Springfield. Testing is open to all community members, but priority is being given to individuals in high-risk groups, first responders, individuals who have not been able to maintain physical distancing throughout the outbreak (having had to work, etc.), and individuals who are symptomatic. All test results and personal medical information is confidential and will not be shared. If an individual tests positive, they will be contacted by a Lane County Public Health with the contact information they provide. Testing is free, but community members with insurance are asked to bring their insurance information so the county might receive reimbursement for some testing costs that could help subsidize the cost of future testing events. ; Officials with the Oregon Health Authority yesterday announced 171 new positive tests statewide and three deaths. That brings Oregon's death toll to 195. Statewide, there are 185 patients with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 in Oregon's hospitals. Fifty-nine of those are being treated in intensive-care units. Twenty-nine of those patients are on ventilators. More than 213,000 Oregonians have been tested. ; Wednesday set a record for single-day COVID-19 infections in the United States. There were more than 36,000 positive tests tallied by state health departments — surpassing the previous single-day record of slightly more than 34,000 on April 25. The U.S. has recorded more than 2.38 million cases of COVID-19. Nationwide, the number of deaths attributed to the coronavirus stands at close to 122,000 (121,979). Officials say more than 656,000 Americans have recovered and 28.5 million have been tested. Worldwide, total cases stand at close to 9.4 million with more than 482,000 dead

and 4.7 million recovered. The numbers are compiled from U.S. and worldwide health organizations, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, by Johns Hopkins University. / CRIME: He will spend the rest of his life in prison with no chance of parole. A judge yesterday sentenced Jeremy Christian for the 2017 murders of two men on a Portland light rail train during a racist, xenophobic rant. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports it came after survivors of the 2017 incident and relatives of those who died made statements to the judge. Others who spoke included victims from Christian's earlier racist attacks. Christian said Wednesday that he regrets that two people died, but he does not regret his actions. The men were stabbed in the neck when they intervened as Christian verbally attacked three teen girls on the light rail train who were wearing Muslim headgear. / EDUCATION, SCHOOLS, DISABILITIES: An audit by the Oregon Secretary of State finds that students with disabilities in Oregon are not receiving adequate support because of limited funding and rising caseloads. The audit from the 2018-2019 school year concludes that Oregon does not have a strategic plan to guide the use of special education resources statewide. The result, according to the report, is that children in some parts of the state are dealing with gaps in educational services. The audit also noted that caseloads are rising and it's harder to retain special education teachers. The number of children from birth to pre-kindergarten in special education programs rose from about 9,000 students in 2014 to more than 11,000 in 2018. The head of the Oregon Education Department said it might be a challenge to implement the audit's findings in the wake of the pandemic. Colt Gill says schools are expecting a steep cut in funding which could make it difficult to pay for all the recommendations. / SPORTS: Marcus Mariota is about to tie the knot. The Las Vegas Raiders quarterback popped the question to his college sweetheart, Kiyomi Cook, last weekend and the couple are engaged. Mariota proposed to Kiyomi on the Oregon campus. No wedding date has been set. Mariota met Cook while the two were students at Oregon. Cook, who is from Gresham, Oregon, attended Barlow High School. She was a midfielder on the Ducks women's soccer team from 2011-14. Cook was by Mariota's side at a draft party when he was the No. 2 pick by the Tennessee Titans in the 2015 NFL draft. She joined him in Nashville, where she coached a middle school soccer team. Mariota signed a two-year, \$17.5 million contract with the Las Vegas Raiders in March. He is expected to start the season as the backup to Derek Carr. His \$7.5 million salary for the 2020 season makes him the highest-paid backup quarterback in the NFL. /

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DISCUSSED COVID-19: HEALTH, CRIME, BUSINESS, SPORTS: There's a new cluster of COVID-19 cases in Lane County involving a group of young people from the Eugene-Springfield area. The five patients are in their late teens and health investigators believe they were infected while attending a house party. Lane County contact tracers say there were approximately 20 people at the party, and they are working to determine how many attendees might have been exposed so they may be tested. Public health officials earlier this week announced a cluster of eight confirmed and presumptive cases among a group of people in their 20s who socialize at bars and house parties. The young adults told health investigators that they were not physically distancing or wearing protective face coverings. That cluster started out with six confirmed and two suspected cases of COVID-19. County health officials say one of the suspected cases now is confirmed. Their investigators continue to follow up with affected businesses and individuals to determine whether there were any public points of exposure. Since the pandemic arrived in Lane County, 112 have tested positive for the virus. Officials say 108 are confirmed, four are presumptive. But one person now is hospitalized while the 26 patients considered "active cases" are sick at home. Three people have died since mid-March. ; The new diagnoses—along with a cluster of cases involving at least eight young adults in their 20s—are altering our local COVID-19 patient demographics: Once considered a disease that primarily affected older adults, there now are growing numbers of positive tests among people who are middle-age or younger. Officials say 24 cases of the county's cases are people in their 60s and 70s. Forty-four former and current patients are between the ages of 40 to 59—the largest number of cases by age group. Twenty-nine cases are among people in their 20s and 30s. Fifteen cases have been reported among teens and children. At least 20,480 people have been tested locally for the coronavirus. ; On Saturday, there are two more free coronavirus testing availabilities: One is part of the focus on determining the spread of COVID-19 in rural areas. It's taking place tomorrow for people living in and around Mapleton. The event runs from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Mapleton Food Share, located at 10718 Highway 126. Again, that's on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. There is also an event on Saturday in Florence for members of the Latinx community, who have seen higher numbers of infections because many work in jobs where physical distancing is difficult. It runs from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church on 25th Street in Florence. Testing is open to all community members, but priority is being given to individuals in high-risk groups, first responders, individuals who have not been able to maintain physical distancing on the job or elsewhere, and people who are experiencing what they think might be coronavirus symptoms. All test results and personal medical information is confidential and will not be shared. If an individual tests positive, they will be contacted by a Lane County

Public Health with the contact information they provide. Testing is free, but community members with insurance are asked to bring their insurance information. On Wednesday, Lane County Public Health held a free rural testing event in Oakridge. Officials say 92 people showed up. ; Officials with the Oregon Health Authority yesterday announced 124 new positive tests statewide and two new deaths. That brings Oregon's death toll to 197. There are 189 patients with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 in Oregon's hospitals. Sixty of those are being treated in intensive-care units. Twenty-nine of those patients are on ventilators. Since the pandemic arrived in Oregon, there have been 7,568 positive tests. Statewide, more than 216,000 Oregonians have been tested. ; Officials with the Oregon Health Authority yesterday recommended that people across the state wear a mask or face shield whenever they are out in public and physical distancing might not be possible. The new guidance includes a strong recommendation that such face coverings be worn indoors when a physical distance of at least six feet from people outside of their household cannot be maintained. This includes in places such as grocery stores and pharmacies, restaurants and pubs, retail stores and fitness clubs, and recreational businesses or venues. State health officials say the coronavirus spreads more easily indoors, where there is often not enough circulating fresh air to disperse the virus. The new update includes children between the ages of 2 and 12 for indoor public places. Officials say if children do wear masks, face shields or face coverings, they should be worn with the assistance and close supervision of an adult. Children should not fall asleep while wearing a mask. Children under the age of two should not wear a mask, nor should people who have a medical condition that would be aggravated by wearing a face covering. The same applies to people with disabilities that prevent them from wearing some type of mask or face shield. ; They postponed in April and hoped for early October. And the new track and field stadium at Hayward Field looks terrific. But there's word this morning that World Athletics, the governing body of international track and field, is canceling this year's Prefontaine Classic. The event in Eugene is a top international event but it's the latest casualty of the pandemic. The Pre Classic started in 1975 so this would have been its 45th year. Meet director Tom Jordan said he hopes there will be a vaccine soon enough for competitors to come to Hayward Field for the Prefontaine Classic in 2021. ; ; Governor Kate Brown has approved the early release of 57 state prisoners deemed medically vulnerable to the coronavirus, which has caused illness in a number of state correctional facilities. More than 200 prisoners and staff have tested positive for COVID-19. Brown said none of the people granted early release were convicted of a crime against another person, and all have served at least half of their sentences. ; A coastal county in Oregon has rescinded a face mask policy that made exceptions for people of color worried about racial profiling. Lincoln County commissioners said they were rescinding the exception because "it does more harm than good," given the backlash that followed the move. The commission fielded thousands of angry calls and e-mails after the New York Post wrote about the policy. Commissioners say they were appalled by many of the comments they received, which they termed, quote, "horribly racist." As masks have become mandatory in many communities across the U.S., some Black people have raised concerns that wearing a mask in public will make non-Black people perceive them as threatening or suspicious. ; U.S. officials estimate that 20 million Americans have been infected with the coronavirus since it first arrived in the United States, meaning that most of the population remains susceptible. Thursday's estimate is roughly 10 times as many infections as the 2.4 million cases that have been confirmed. Officials have long known that millions of people were infected without knowing it and that many cases are being missed because of gaps in testing. The new estimate is based on CDC studies of blood samples collected nationwide — some by the CDC and others from blood donations and other sources. Many

infections were not caught in early testing, when supplies were limited, and federal officials prioritized testing for those showing symptoms. / **CRIME:** They say he was responsible for an armed robbery of a looter during the violence in late May that heavily damaged several Eugene businesses. Eugene Police said yesterday they arrested 19-year-old Joseph Michael Lewis Kashkash in the incident, after sharing video and screengrabs and asking the public for help in identifying him. The alleged armed robbery took place outside the gutted businesses at 7th and Washington Streets on the night of May 29 and the early morning of May 30. The video shows a man pointing a weapon at a looter who had just emerged from one business carrying some merchandise, taking the item, and walking away. Police say they're still working to determine the identity of the victim, who is also wanted for being involved in looting. Kashkash was jailed on charges of Robbery in the Second Degree and Riot. ; He was taken into custody after a four-hour standoff, treated for a bite from a police dog, then jailed on multiple charges. Springfield Police say it came after they responded to a report yesterday morning in the 700 block of 1st Street and saw 32-year-old Benjamin Ray Bryant on an apartment balcony displaying a handgun. The apartment complex is adjacent to Springfield's Meadow Park. Nearby residents were evacuated after police say Bryant told them he was prepared for a shootout. Investigators say as the SWAT Team and Crisis Negotiators arrived, Bryant refused to communicate with police and a family member who helped with the negotiations. But while he remained silent throughout the four-hour incident, officials say he livestreamed on social media. Shortly after 1:30 yesterday afternoon, the SWAT Team used a diversionary device and a police K9 to take Bryant into custody. He was jailed on a Parole Board warrant for Assault Two and Assaulting a Public Safety Officer, as well as for being a Felon in Possession of a Weapon and for Menacing with Firearm. ; A 49-year-old man is facing multiple charges after investigators with the Lane County Sheriff's Office say he followed a Creswell resident home, refused to leave their porch, and after the residents had left was spotted by a neighbor breaking into the home. Investigators say when deputies arrived, James Paul Smith of Creswell appeared extremely agitated, was speaking incoherently, and was engaged in a physical fight with the neighbor before turning toward the deputies. They say Smith refused commands and fought with them as they attempted to take him into custody. After several minutes of the struggle, deputies say they deployed a Taser which only had a slight effect on Smith. Additional deputies arrived to help subdue Smith and place him in handcuffs while he continued to try to fight them. Smith first was taken to the hospital for medical evaluation, then to the jail. The deputies suffered minor injuries and say the neighbor who interrupted the burglary also was injured and was bitten by Smith but was not hospitalized. / **TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY:** Crews are continuing work to improve the interchange of the Delta and Beltline Highways in Eugene. Tonight and Saturday night, plan alternate routes to avoid Delta Highway closures to install a new structure known as a "sign bridge" that will suspend updated road signage over the traffic lanes. If you've been on the Delta Highway just south of the Beltline during the past few days, you've seen just how massive the steel "sign bridge" base and cross-arm are. Friday, June 26, 7 p.m. until Saturday, June 27, 6 a.m.--Full closure of Delta Highway. Northbound and southbound Delta Highway to close completely between Goodpasture Island Road and Beltline Highway for installation of a new sign bridge. Saturday, June 27, 7 p.m. until Sunday, June 28, 6 a.m.--Northbound Delta Highway closed. Northbound Delta Highway closes between Goodpasture Island Road and Beltline Highway closes to remove the existing overhead sign structure on Delta Highway. Traffic on Beltline Highway will be detoured to southbound I-5 over to westbound I-105 to get to Delta Highway. Traffic on Delta Highway will be detoured to eastbound I-105 over to northbound I-5 to get to Beltline Highway. The Beltline/Delta Interchange is being updated to improve safety by eliminating

weaving and merging issues. Most work impacting traffic is done at night and on weekends. ; On the evening of Tuesday, June 23, a semi-truck carrying rye pellets overturned north of Lookout Point Reservoir northwest of Westfir. That's forced a closure to clean up the mess, which includes 65,000 pounds of rye pellets as well as about 35 gallons of diesel from the truck. A stretch of Northshore Road is closed during the clean-up, which will remain in effect through Wednesday, July 1. Northshore road parallels Oregon State Highway 58. The road is narrow and has sharp corners and is not suitable for trucks or vehicles with trailers over 25 feet. The closure on Northshore Road, also known as Forest Service Road 5821 (say 58-21), begins just past its intersection with Forest Service Road 5826 (58-26) to right before its intersection with Forest Service Road 5828 (58-28). /

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TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, FISHERIES: You'll see those new traffic signs and their support structure in place this morning on the northbound Delta Highway right before the Beltline interchange. Crews installed it over the weekend and took down the old signage. The Beltline/Delta Interchange is being updated to improve safety by eliminating weaving and merging issues. Most work impacting traffic is done at night and on weekends. / COVID-19: HEALTH, BUSINESS: Another jump in local COVID-19 cases over the weekend. Lane County Public Health officials will provide more detail later today on the seven new confirmed and presumptive coronavirus cases. On Friday, they announced ten new cases, half of which involved people in their 20s. Health investigators say they've tied a number of recent cases to teens and young adults attending graduation-related house parties or socializing without masks and physical distancing. In other cases, patients ranging in age from their 20s to their 70s are believed to have contracted the virus after being in close contact with people who were later diagnosed with COVID-19. In some instances, the new patients are members of the same household. Since the pandemic arrived in Lane County, 127 people have tested positive for the virus. Another 12 are presumptive cases awaiting confirmation. One person is hospitalized. 53 others with Active cases remain sick at home. In recent months, 85 others have recovered. But three people in Lane County have died since mid-March. At least 20,526 have been tested locally for the coronavirus. ; On Wednesday, there will be another free coronavirus testing opportunity in rural Lane County: This one will be in Florence. It takes place on Wednesday, July 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Florence Food Share, 2190 Spruce Street. Testing is open to all community members, but priority is being given to individuals in high-risk groups, first responders, individuals who have not been able to maintain physical distancing on the job or elsewhere, and people who are experiencing what they think might be coronavirus symptoms. All test results and personal medical information is confidential and will not be shared. If an individual tests positive, they will be contacted by a Lane County Public Health with the contact information they provide. Testing is free, but community members with insurance are asked to bring their insurance information. ; Officials with the Oregon Health Authority yesterday announced a combined 524 new confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 over the weekend, along with one new death. That brings Oregon's death toll to 202. It comes as the state continues to experience a surge in coronavirus cases, tied to a range of sources including outbreaks at food processing facilities, graduation parties, and socializing without adequate precautions as businesses reopened in recent weeks in many counties. Over the weekend, there was a drop in the number of patients with confirmed and presumptive cases who were hospitalized. The total eased to 149 and intensive care cases were down slightly to 53. But more of those patients—35 in all—are

on ventilators. Since the pandemic arrived in Oregon, there have been 8,341 confirmed and presumptive coronavirus cases. More than 223,000 Oregonians have been tested. ; It comes as Oregon is seeing a surge in COVID-19 cases and new projections warn of even higher numbers over the course of the summer. According to the Oregon Health Authority, the model from the Institute for Disease Modeling is based on data through June 18 and offers three projections -- optimistic, moderate and pessimistic -- predicting that daily case levels could rise as much as 20 percentage points. The modeling assumes that hospitalizations from COVID-19 remain stable and testing remains at its present level of approximately 4,000 a day: The optimistic scenario with those assumptions suggests the previous modeling increase of June 11 was the result of higher testing and that case counts would remain stable at about 180 per day over the next month. This is the least likely scenario to occur because it assumes diagnosis of all new cases and presently about one-third of new infections cannot be traced to a known source. The moderate scenario suggests the rise in cases in the last modeling report was due to increased transmission and expanded testing -- and that daily infections of COVID-19 could rise over the next month to more than 900 per day, with daily hospitalizations rising from 8 to 27. The most pessimistic scenario suggests the rise in cases in the last modeling report was due entirely to increased transmission and not expanded testing -- and that infections could rise to more than 4,800, and hospitalizations could increase to 82 per day. "We know that COVID-19 is in our communities," said Dean Sidelinger, MD, Oregon state health officer. "This latest model provides us with a sobering reminder that we all need to guard against continued spread, especially as we continue to reopen and the weather gets warmer." Dr. Sidelinger said, "Think hard about your choice of activities, especially as we get close to the Fourth of July holiday. Ask yourself: how can I reduce my risk and the risk I might pose to people around me?" Do what you can to suppress the virus: Stay 6 feet away from other people. Wear a mask. Avoid large gatherings, and if you are in a group setting -- like a holiday barbeque -- stay outside, keep your distance and use a face covering when you're not eating. Wash your hands frequently and stay home if you're sick. ; Another grim pair of milestones in the coronavirus pandemic: On Sunday, the U.S. has recorded more than 2.5 million cases of COVID-19. And nationwide, the number of deaths attributed to the coronavirus stands at more than 125,000 (125,803). It comes amid a surge of infections, particularly across the Sunbelt states. Officials say more than 685,000 Americans have recovered and 30.9 million have been tested. The global number of cases surpassed ten million. They stand at more than 10.1 million this morning, according to numbers compiled from U.S. and worldwide health organizations, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, by Johns Hopkins University. More than half-a-million people have died worldwide. Officials estimate 5.1 million have recovered. ; People who operate fishing boats are now able to count their crew as part of their employee payroll to qualify for federal loans intended to help businesses following economic downturn caused by the pandemic. The Seattle Times reports that the federal rule change was published Thursday after captains discovered crew members could not be included in the first federal relief aid program. Fishing boat operators have been contending with poor markets as restaurants closed or reduced service to limit the spread of COVID-19. The Paycheck Protection Program loans may be forgiven if certain conditions are met, including spending a large portion of the money to retain employees. / RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING, SAFETY, SPORTS, CRIME: Eugene Police say they detained and questioned the 34-year-old driver after a vehicle struck a leader of yesterday evening's Black Unity protest near North Adams and Clark Streets. It came during the group's planned Children's March and happened shortly before 6:30 p.m. Multiple posts by family and friends on social media say Isiah Wagoner was struck by the vehicle. Police have not official identified the victim, saying only

that a 29-year-old male pedestrian was taking part in the protest before the crash occurred. Officials say the man was taken to the hospital for evaluation with what they describe as non-life-threatening injuries. More details are expected later today. The evening's protest began downtown, prompting police to briefly issue a traffic advisory for motorists to avoid the area of Broadway and Willamette Streets. On Friday and Saturday nights, the protests and marches took place in Springfield, first in downtown then in the Thurston area. There were reports of some confrontations between protesters and counter-protesters, as well as some tense moments between protesters and police as officers forced some marchers to sidewalks to keep streets open. ; Oregon and Oregon State on Friday announced they have mutually agreed to drop the name "Civil War" for their rivalry games. The move was made after discussions between officials at both schools and current and former student-athletes. The change comes amid ongoing protests following the death of George Floyd while in police custody. Oregon athletic director Rob Mullins says former Oregon quarterback Dennis Dixon raised the issue of the name. ; Portland police arrested eight people and fired crowd-control munitions to disperse protesters who threw rocks and bottles during demonstrations in front of law enforcement buildings on Saturday night and Sunday morning. Police say the series of confrontations began outside the Multnomah County Justice Center, where protesters seeking racial justice in the wake of George Floyd's death in Minneapolis last month used fencing and street barricades to block off a street. Police say that lasers were shined into officers' eyes, and rocks, bottles and paint were thrown at them during the demonstration. Civil liberties advocates said in a lawsuit Sunday that the police response to recent demonstrations appeared designed to squelch free speech. ; The mayor and police chief of Portland are sharply criticizing protesters who set fire to a police precinct on Friday, saying the violent actions were preventing the city from moving forward with meaningful reforms. The Portland Police Bureau used tear gas to disperse the crowd after part of the North Precinct was set ablaze with people inside. / GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, COVID-19, RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING: (TB-AP) — They'll probably be back in Salem in July or early August. The Oregon Legislature wrapped up its first special session Friday after passing bills dealing with police accountability and the pandemic. At a Saturday news conference, Brown said she would wait to call another special session to see if Congress first approves assistance for state and local governments. Oregon's budget is facing a multi-(b)illion gap in the wake of the pandemic and government-related business closures that have drastically reduced tax revenues. Brown says closing that budget gap will be the focus in the second special session and that she also wants to use some coronavirus relief funds to help support working Oregonians and the state's Black community. On Friday, Oregon lawmakers concluded their first special session after passing a series of bills dealing with topics ranging from the pandemic to police accountability. Lawmakers extended eviction protections to the end of September for renters unable to pay because of coronavirus-related income losses. The police reform bills include measures that limit the use of chokeholds, require officers to intervene if their colleague is being unjust or unethical and create a statewide police discipline database. Another bill that passed prohibits law enforcement agencies from using tear gas for crowd control, except for circumstances that meet the definition of a riot. / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY: Gasoline prices are a bit higher than they were one month ago in Oregon and Lane County, but still well below last year's numbers as demand remains below-normal amid the pandemic. This morning's average from AAA, the automobile club, puts Oregon's statewide average price for a gallon of regular unleaded at \$2.59. The average price is four cents lower in Eugene-Springfield, at \$2.55 per gallon. One year ago, the average price stood at \$3.14. Diesel prices also remain well below last year's averages in our area, down from \$3.11 per gallon in late June of 2019 to \$2.54

this morning. / COMMUNITY, EVENTS, SAFETY: They turned in items ranging from Roman candles to cherry bombs. The Eugene Metro Explosives Disposal Unit held its Illegal Fireworks Amnesty Day collection yesterday. About 20 people came by and unloaded a combined 125 pounds of prohibited fireworks, no questions asked. That's below last year's record of close to 200 pounds, but still the second-highest total since the event began in 2016. Licensed fireworks stands opened across Oregon last week and may remain open through July 6. In Eugene, you are only allowed to set off consumer-grade fireworks on two days this summer: July 3 and 4. The only other days fireworks are allowed to be lighted within Eugene city limits are on December 31 and New Year's Day. Public commercial displays are allowed July 3-5, but most have been canceled this year because of the pandemic. Fireworks are a traditional way to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday, but they can be noisy and an extreme fire hazard. Officials remind you that some people in your neighborhood, including military veterans, might be sensitive to explosions and other loud noises from illegal fireworks that can trigger PTSD or other conditions. Many pets also are lost each year after being frightened by fireworks. Eugene Police will be staffing additional officers for the July 4 holiday, including officers detached for patrolling areas with high density of fireworks-related complaint calls and or visible displays of fireworks. Fire crews will patrol neighborhoods in their response areas on July 4, to note and report illegal fireworks activity. Police crime prevention specialists will make contact at locations of reported illegal use from last year. They will further canvas in areas where an exact address was not known or provided. To report illegal fireworks within the Eugene city limits, call 541.682.5111. The base fine for illegal fireworks is \$250. Eugene's "social host" ordinance also applies to fireworks. This ordinance on unruly gatherings, holds individuals criminally responsible for hosting, organizing, and allowing an unruly event or social gathering. Property owners where the event is hosted will also be penalized if there are multiple violations of this ordinance at the same property. Eugene Municipal Court has assigned a base fine of \$375 for criminal violations of this ordinance. Both hosts and property owners could be civilly liable for police, fire and public works response to repeated illegal gatherings that fall under this ordinance. /

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COVID-19 cases are surging across Oregon. And starting tomorrow, new state guidelines will require you wear a face covering when you enter indoor businesses and indoor public spaces. It's the same set of rules that went into effect earlier last week in Portland, Salem, and several other parts of the state. It comes amid concerns from health experts across the state as well as recent projections that indicate if further action isn't taken, hospitals could be overwhelmed by new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations within weeks. Health experts have long said that the whole point of wearing cloth face coverings or masks is not to protect you from the coronavirus—but to protect the people around you. While a fabric mask cannot block dry virus particles floating in the air that you might encounter and inhale, it can catch those tiny water droplets you exhale—droplets that, if you're infected with COVID-19, are packed with the virus. The cloth mask can absorb much of that, giving any people you might encounter when you're out and about protection from casual exposure. In announcing the expansion of the face covering rules, Governor Kate Brown said the goal is to slow the spread of the coronavirus and prevent having to order many businesses to close again. Oregon OSHA, the state's workplace safety agency, will take the lead in enforcing the face covering requirements for all covered Oregon businesses. State officials also are urging us to keep July 4 celebrations small and local, saying Oregon saw a bump in new cases following the Memorial Day holiday weekend. More than 200 people in Oregon have died and nearly 8,500 people in the state have tested positive for the disease, according to the Oregon Health Authority. Those numbers include two additional deaths and 146 cases reported by the authority on Monday. ; Lane County Public Health officials reported seven new confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 yesterday and offered details on the seven cases tallied over the weekend: Six of the cases in the past three days are tied to an outbreak among a group of college-age young adults who told health investigators they visited bars and attended house parties as a group and did not wear masks or practice physical distancing. A seventh case is linked to a high school-aged cluster and tied to a recent graduation-related house party. The other recent cases involve one person in their 40s who it's believed was infected by someone who was previously diagnosed. Four other cases involving a person in their 20s, two people in their 40s, and one person in their 60s are all believed to be travel-related. Public health officials are expected to offer a bit more detail later this morning in their scheduled media briefing. Since the pandemic arrived in Lane County, 131 people have tested positive for the virus. Another 15 are presumptive cases awaiting confirmation. One person is hospitalized. 59 others with Active cases remain sick at home. In recent months, 84 patients have recovered. Three people in Lane

County have died since mid-March. At least 22,656 have been tested locally for the coronavirus. ; On Wednesday, there will be another free coronavirus testing opportunity in rural Lane County. It takes place in Florence from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Florence Food Share, 2190 Spruce Street. Testing is open to all community members, but priority is being given to individuals in high-risk groups, first responders, individuals who have not been able to maintain physical distancing on the job or elsewhere, and people who are experiencing what they think might be coronavirus symptoms. All test results and personal medical information is confidential and will not be shared. If an individual tests positive, they will be contacted by a Lane County Public Health with the contact information they provide. Testing is free, but community members with insurance are asked to bring their insurance information. ; Officials with the Oregon Health Authority yesterday announced 146 new confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 and two deaths. That brings Oregon's death toll to 204. According to the latest state numbers, 151 patients with confirmed and presumptive cases are hospitalized. Forty-four of those are being treated in Oregon intensive care units. Of those, 25 are on ventilators. Since the pandemic arrived in Oregon, there have been 8,485 confirmed and presumptive coronavirus cases. More than 234,000 Oregonians have been tested. ; Saying the pandemic has dramatically changed the national business climate, owners of Oregon-based Les Schwab Tire Centers have suspended efforts to sell the company. The Oregonian and OregonLive report it comes as travel plummeted during the pandemic, making it difficult for prospective buyers to evaluate the business' value. Les Schwab Tire Centers was founded in Prineville in 1952 but its headquarters later shifted to Bend and serves close to 500 stores with annual sales in 2019 of close to \$1.8 billion. The family owners put the company up for sale in December and sought at least \$3 billion from the sale. ; Oregon's Enchanted Forest is reopening this weekend and it sounds like there's plenty of pent-up demand among families wanting to visit the storybook amusement park just south of Salem. The Oregonian and OregonLive report Enchanted Forest put limited-capacity timed-entry tickets online for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They quickly sold out. Under its agreement with Marion County, Enchanted Forest will cap the number of visitors at 200 people per day, which is about 10 percent of normal capacity. Most indoor spaces are closed in the park. Cloth face coverings are required for all remaining indoor areas and all rides for everyone who is 12 years old and older. Park owners are also strongly encouraging people to wear face masks in the outdoor areas of the park as well and groups must stay six feet from group other groups of visitors. Enchanted Forest operators expect to add more dates and times soon. The theme park celebrates its 50th anniversary next year. ; The Oregon Department of Revenue is reminding taxpayers that July 15 is the deadline for filing a tax return and paying tax due. Oregon extended the deadline when the IRS extended the deadline to file and pay federal taxes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For personal income taxpayers: The Oregon return filing due date for tax year 2019 is July 15, 2020. The Oregon tax payment deadline for payments due with the 2019 tax year is July 15, 2020. The tax year 2019 six-month extension to file until October 15, 2020, if requested, extends only to the filing (not payment) deadline. If you have questions about your personal income tax, contact questions.dor@oregon.gov For corporate income/excise taxpayers: The Oregon return filing due date for tax year 2019 is July 15, 2020. The Oregon tax payment deadline for payments for the 2019 return, normally May 15, 2020, is now July 15, 2020. Fiscal year returns and related payments due after July 15, 2020 are not extended at this time. Interest and penalties: Because of the extension of the due dates for filing returns and making payments, any interest and penalties with respect to Oregon tax filings and payments begin accruing on July 16, 2020. No automatic extension is provided for the payment or deposit of any other type of Oregon tax or for the filing of Oregon information returns. Kicker reminder: If your 2018 return is

amended or adjusted after you file your 2019 return, we will automatically adjust your kicker amount. ; Kids eat free again this summer. Some school districts are continuing to feed children throughout the summer but where that isn't happening, FOOD for Lane County is offering its Summer Food Program. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the program is offering "take and go" meals each day Monday – Friday. What that means for families is that parents/caregivers may go to the location and pick up the meals for their children. Both breakfast and lunch are being bundled into the meals that can be picked up. Meal Service times at each location is 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. / RACIAL JUSTICE, POLICING, SAFETY, CRIME: Eugene Police say they are committed to investigating Sunday night's vehicle versus pedestrian crash that sent a leader of the local Black Unity movement to the hospital. But officials say they could use your help: They're seeking anyone who might have video of the incident, either from their cellphones and other mobile devices, or from a nearby security camera. When they issued their request yesterday morning, police did not yet have video of the encounter between the vehicle and the pedestrian. Investigators say specifically they're seeking images of the crash itself, not of the vehicle driving away or of the crowd. Anyone with such video is asked to call the Eugene Police Department. The number to dial is 1-541-262-5388 and officials say the number does require that you first dial the "1" for this number. The incident occurred at 6:23 p.m. Sunday near the intersection of North Adams Street and Clark Street during a children's protest march that was moving through the area in the street. The pedestrian, 29-year-old Isiah Wagoner, reportedly tried to stop block traffic at the westside of the roundabout intersection so protesters, including his daughter, could get through safely. Police say there are conflicting accounts by witnesses of what occurred next, and that the vehicle driven by 34-year-old Travis Paul Waleri left the scene after the collision. Isiah Wagoner was hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries. Eugene Police say the driver has cooperated with the investigation, called 9-1-1 about ten minutes after the incident, and has turned over his vehicle computer data for detectives to analyze. That will help investigators determine how fast the vehicle was traveling at the time of the collision. Police say that will help them perform a thorough investigation and build a case if there is one. In addition to the reconstruction work by EPD's Major Collision Investigation Team, detectives with the agency's Special Investigations Unit detectives canvassed the area to seek any video of the incident. Police say members of the march located the vehicle near the 200 block of North Adams and called police. Some mail observed inside the vehicle indicated the driver's address. Investigators say roughly 20 to 25 people ran through an apartment complex in the area, attempting to locate the driver, found his apartment and began trying to get the driver to come out. Police say an officer intervened during some tense moments to get the group away from the door so the driver could be contacted. The officer then detained the driver for questioning. Eugene Police say they understand there is a clear public interest and need for a full investigation and has dedicated additional resources to the case. Investigators are following up and will submit their findings to the District Attorney's Office for review. ; In a statement released yesterday, Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis called the incident "very disturbing." She also reiterated that the community does not and will not tolerate violent acts of hate or bias and that officials are committed to protecting people's rights to have their voices heard. Vinis adds that Eugene officials will continue to work with those organizing such marches to help facilitate and improve upon safety at all events. / SAFETY, FISHERIES: Two people died and one person was rescued after a fishing boat struck the South Jetty of the Siuslaw River near Florence early yesterday morning, began taking on water, and capsized. It's a blow to the coastal community. The two who died, Amber and Kyle Novelli, operated Novelli's Crab and Seafood—a popular fish market and crab-and-chowder restaurant on Florence's boat dock. It came after the U.S. Coast Guard after it received a

distress call shortly before 2:00 a.m. that the three people onboard were abandoning ship. As Coast Guard rescue crews converged by boat and by air, they were joined by first responders from Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue and Western Lane Ambulance on land. Officials say one person was located alive and rescued near the shoreline and a second person, who was unresponsive, was hoisted from the water into a Coast Guard helicopter. The third person was located several hours later. The Siuslaw News reports that Amber and Kyle Novelli were the only active commercial crabbers who lived and worked in Florence, according to a 2019 profile it published. In the article, Amber discussed the uncertainty and danger of crabbing. The boat's sinking follows another that occurred Saturday, in which three men were rescued near Brookings. / CRIME: Detectives with the Lane County Sheriff's Office are asking for your assistance in locating a late 1990s- or early 2000s-model gray Toyota Tundra and the male driver and passenger who transported an injured woman to Sacred Heart University Hospital in Eugene Monday morning around 4:30 a.m. Investigation says it appears the woman was picked up in the River Road area and transported to the hospital, but the driver of the truck left before additional information could be obtained. Officials say her injuries indicate the woman might have been struck by a vehicle. She was pronounced deceased at the hospital. Deputies are working to notify her family before they release her name. If you know the identity of the driver and/or the passenger of the truck that took the woman to the hospital or have information on the above incident, the Lane County Sheriff's Office would like to hear from you. Call 541-682-4150. then press 1, and reference case # 20-4280. / EDUCATION: He spent 17 years at the helm of Oregon State University. But he retires from the top job at the end of the day. OSU students, staff and alumni are thanking Edward Ray for his service, saying that as president he led the university through a period of dynamic transformation. Under Ray's leadership, officials say Oregon State set enrollment records, completed a \$1.1 (b) billion capital fundraising campaign, expanded grant-funded research, developed the OSU-Cascades program in Bend into a four-year campus, and prioritized both student success along with diversity and inclusion. On the coast, a new global marine studies and research facility opens later this summer. Ray is currently the longest-serving public university president in Oregon, the fourth-longest in OSU history. He's planning a sabbatical then will return to the Oregon State faculty as a professor of economics in the College of Liberal Arts. His successor, King Alexander, is a national advocate for public higher education and former president and chancellor of Louisiana State University. / SAFETY, RECREATION: There's a big Fourth of July holiday weekend push to crack down on drunken boating across Oregon. "Operation Dry Water" is a joint effort by the Oregon Marine Board, marine law enforcement from Lane and 17 other county sheriff's offices, Oregon State Police, and five Oregon U.S. Coast Guard Stations. The effort begins Friday (July 3) and continues through Sunday (July 5). It's part of a nationally coordinated effort to reduce the number of accidents and fatalities related to Boating Under the Influence of Intoxicants (BUII). Many marine officers have completed specialized training to recognize alcohol and drug impairment. This includes prescription drugs, alcohol, inhalants, marijuana, or any other substance that impairs a person's ability to make sound judgments and to safely operate a boat. The effects of drugs and alcohol are also amplified on the water with the combination of sun glare, wind, waves, and other environmental stressors. Alcohol also dehydrates the body making sudden immersion into cold water at an even greater risk for drowning. Impaired boaters can be arrested and face serious penalties. In Oregon, the consequences of being convicted of BUII include the possibility of jail time, \$6,250 in fines, and a loss of boating privileges. This year, a new penalty allows for a suspension of your boater education card for up to three years, if convicted, and potentially being court-mandated to take another boating safety course. Marine

officers can arrest boaters on observed impairment and can legally obtain blood, breath, or urine if a boater fails field sobriety testing. Officers have already arrested three people for BUII this year and at least two fatalities appear to have involved alcohol or drugs. Experts remind you: Recreational boating is safe if boaters wear life jackets, boat sober, and keep a sharp lookout. Waterways are more crowded with a variety of mixed boating and other activities, so it's important to pay attention to what's going on around you and to follow the navigation rules of the road. /