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Signs of the time



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Portable DOT road signs deployed along U.S, 97 south of Okanogan and State Route 155 on the Colville Reservation east of Omak remind drivers to Stay Home and Be Safe as the first cases of novel coronavirus are confirmed in Okanogan County this week.



Food Bank prepares for plastic bag ban

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - When Brewster Food Bank board members and volunteers met on March 17 to discuss new social distancing and safety precautions for food distribution during the CO-VID-19 outbreak, they also touched on another topic on the horizon, the state's new ban on plastic grocery

store bags. Governor Jay Inslee signed the bill last Wednesday, March 25 putting all businesses and users on notice that they have until Jan. 1, 2021, to comply with the new measure. The food bank uses plastic grocery bags along with available boxes for its food distribution.

"After January of next year, we cannot use plastic sacks, so we'll have to use boxes," manager Neal McKee said.

McKee suggested building a small storage building that could be used to stockpile empty cardboard boxes.

"What if we found someone to underwrite the cost use to take to the store?" asked food bank volunteer Pat Finerty.

could be handed out to cusreuse on their return visit pickup. to the food bank.

bags for food distribution proposal.



Mike Maltais/QCH **Neal McKee**



Pat Finerty

of the grocery bags like we but later switched to banana boxes for their strength, uniformity, and stacking.

Volunteer Dan Biddle Finerty said a few hun- said that clients could be dred bags with "Brewster advised by written handout Food Bank" printed on them in advance of the reusable bag policy with a reminder tomers who would then that empty bags must be return the empty bags for returned with every food

McKee asked Finerty to McKee said the Senior look into securing a spon-Center used to use reusable sor to fund his reusable bag

Three Rivers Hospital CEO shares plight with public

Relief coming soon?

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - Three Rivers Hospital, like many small community hospitals around the state and the nation, is feeling the financial distress caused by a conjunction of events accompanying the COVID-19 pandemic. Recently CEO Scott Graham shared his hospital's funding crisis with Governor Jay Inslee and the Washington State Hospital Association that netted a one-time cash allotment that will help the hospital operate through April.

"Over the last few years, we've been able to stabilize



Courtesy threerivershospital.

Scott Graham

even begun to grow a little, but we have been operating paycheck to paycheck," said Graham. "I'm sounding the alarm now with the hope the hospital's finances and that we will be able to secure and 89 of them full-time

to weather this storm."

The storm Graham refers to is a steep decline in patients visiting the hospital combined with a state order to stop all non-urgent medical procedures and the hospital's push to get ready for the potential influx of COVID-19 cases. That combination means less revenue and more expenses at a time when the hospital can ill afford either

"Our weekly expenses vary between about \$150,000 and \$450,000 depending on payroll and which bills are due," said Business Development Director and Public Records Officer Jennifer Best. "We spend just under \$300,000 every two weeks on payroll."

With some120 employees

additional financial reserves staff, the hospital departments are doing their best to manage and hold down labor costs.

"After April 1, we will be saving some money on nurse travelers we had to bring in to cover OB because their assignments are ending,' Best said.

Last October the Three Rivers Board of Commissioners voted to discontinue the hospital's obstetrics program at the end of this month after Family Health Centers announced it was centralizing its OB services at Mid-Valley Hospital in Omak in a cost-cutting deci-

With Congress poised to pass a \$2.2 trillion relief package that includes \$150 billion for health care, help may

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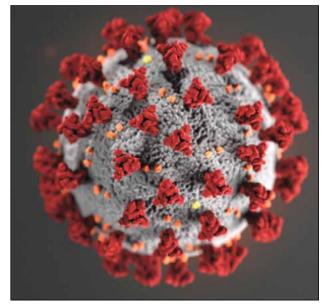
Okanogan County confirms first COVID-19 case on March 24, Friday total rises to three

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

OKANOGAN - After 78 negative test results for the COVID-19 infection and with 46 more pending, Okanogan County recorded its first positive case of COVID-19 late Tuesday afternoon,

An advisory alert issued by Okanogan County Emergency Management (OCEM) said the Okanogan County Public Health and Family Health Centers reported the positive case in the county and that the individual infected is in home isolation and poses no threat to the community.

A March 27 advisory alert issued by OCEM said there are now three confirmed cases in Okanogan county. See separate story.



The Okanogan County cases joins one reported in Ferry County on March 25 and two in Stevens County as the North Central-Northeast

areas of the state.

On March 23, Governor Jay Inslee signed a "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" proclamation among the first confirmed in that can be viewed in its entirety online at governor.

wa.gov/office-governor/official-actions/proclamations. In summary the key points of the Governor's order include:

- Stay Home Avoid all nonessential outside travel.
- No Gatherings This ban includes pubic and private gatherings of any size.
- Close Businesses All non-essential businesses must close. For a list of essential businesses visit bit.ly/39n2ssg online.

For further information regarding the coronavirus visit the Department of Health website at doh.wa.gov/emergencies/coronavirus. To access the DOH call center dial 1-800-525-0127.

OCEM has been posting daily updates regarding DOVID-19 testing and other alerts. To sign up for the OCEM alert system visit okanogandem.org.

Colville Reservation closes to visitors

First DOVID-19 case reported

By MIKE MALTAIS

STAFF WRITER

NESPELEM – Following confirmation of the first reported COVID-19 cases in both Ferry and Okanogan counties the Colville Confederated Tribes (CCT) have closed the Colville Reservation effective Wednesday, March 25, to all visitors and non-essential traffic until further notice.

A CCT media release advises that reservation access remains open for tribal members, non-member Reservation residents, tribe employees, food, postal, delivery and other essential services, and other preapproved personnel outside the agency.

open to through traffic," the release said. "These include Highway 155, 97, and 21. Highway signs will urge travelers through the Reservation to

Stay Safe and Stay Home." The Colville Tribal Incident Management Team was notified of the first positive COVID-19 tests in both Ferry and Okanogan counties. The Northeast Tri-County Health District (NETCHD) announced on March 25 of the first positive coronavirus case in Ferry County. Okanogan County **Emergency Management** advised on Tuesday, March 24, of the first confirmed COVID-19 case in Okanogan County. As of this writing both individuals who tested positive are self-isolated in their homes and pose no threat to their communities.

"This closure is consis-"The state highways on tent with other recent acthe Reservation also remain tions taken by the Colville Sign Language



The Colville Confederated Tribes have posted signs like this one at the junction of U.S. 97 and Cameron Lake Loop Road at Monse to advise drivers that the Reservation is closed to all but essential traffic.

Tribes to protect all people protect all citizens of the from the pandemic," said Colville Tribal Chairman Randy Cawston. "It is also consistent with the Stay at Home order recently issued by Governor Jay Inslee to

state of Washington."

The Incident Management Team, Colville Business Council and Colville Service

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Brewster Police Dept. will educate on how to comply with 'Stay Home' order, no desire to make arrests for violations

CHIEF

By Marcos Ruiz, Chief Brewster Police DEPARTMENT

BREWSTER - On March 23, Governor Inslee gave a "stay home" order to all residents of Washingspread of COVID-19.

I want to inform the residents of Brewster h o w the Brewster Police department is implementing

this order. The primary role of the Brewster Police Department is to help educate people

the order to stay home. people. The Brewster Police Department does not have any desire to make any arrests, or to take anybody to jail for any violations of the "stay home" order. Officers are not going around different neighborhoods and areas checking to see if people are out when they shouldn't be. We understand some people need to carry out essential duto listen to the order and stay home if they don't need to be out.

There have been many rumors, and posts on social media about "martial law", "essential work ID", most up to date information for our area, visit the Okanogan County **Emergency Management** website, or the Okanogan County Public Health Department. There you will find accurate up to help get information out of Brewster.

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to the public. The information put out will come from Okanogan County Emergency Management, Okanogan County Public Health, The Okanogan County Sheriffs Office, The Mayor of Brewster, ton State, to combat the the City of Brewster, and

the Brewster Police Department. COVID-19

is currently circulating in Okano gan County, but if we all follow the "stay home' order, and only leave your house when it is neces-

sary, we can stop the transmission to others, our loved about how to comply with ones, and our vulnerable

Due to COVID-19 there

have been many changes at the National, State, County, and City levels. With that, the Brewster Police Department remains fully staffed and responding to calls with some changes. At times an Officer will handle the call over the phone, ask you to step outside to talk, or even to step back, and the front desk ties. We just want people is closed to in person contact, all for social distancing. Brewster Officers are equipped with and at times might wear PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) which can be mask, gloves, face and curfew. Those are all shield, respirator, or even false. To get the latest a TYVEK suit, all for personal protection. If you do see an officer wearing that type of equipment it does not mean the officer or the person, they are contacting has COVID-19, it is just a precaution. Rest assured The Brewdate information. The ster Police Department Brewster Police Depart- remains active, respondment made an emergency ing to calls and protecting Facebook page as a way to the safety of the Citizens

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Sheriffs deputies role is education, how to keep families safe during 'Stay Home'

COUNTY SHERIFF

OKANOGAN - Okanogan County Sheriff's Office primary role in the COVID-19 "stay at home" order is to help educate people about how to comply with orders to stay at home. I want to emphasize **Enforcement means En**-need to carry out essential gagement and Education. We are not being asked to 1. Safety and security detain, arrest, ticket or 2. Food, water, shelter establish checkpoints for 3. Health and medical compliance. Rumors of 4. Energy (power and fuel) strict law enforcement or 5. Communications

By Tony Hawley, Okanogan "martial law" are not true. 6. Transportation

• We view our role more cating residents on how to keep themselves safe, how to keep their families safe and most importantly, to keep the rest of the community safe, especially our vulnerable populations.

• We understand people

services such as:

ation and are doing all they can already to keep themselves, their families and neighbors safe and healthy.

· When officers and deputies encounter people not complying with an order, we will remind them, as appropriate, of the recommendation and restric-

 Okanogan County Sheriff's Office does not

have a desire to make ar-• Our communities have rests or take anybody to as one of education. Edu- shown they understand jail for violations, or cause the severity of the situ- any other unnecessary hardships on anyone except as a last resort.

> Rumors of individuals or businesses needing "passes" or "licenses" to conduct essential services are not true.

> Rest assured we are continuing to serve you every day and we will always enforce the laws in order to keep people safe.

For more information 509-422-7183

Dealing with isolation, quarantine

By Okanogan County EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OKANOGAN - Okanogan County Public Health is reporting two new cases of COVID-19 today (March 27). This brings the total case count to three. The three cases are from two different communities in Okanogan County. These results lend support to our belief that COVID-19 is present throughout Okanogan County and all residents should remain vigilant about staying home and social distancing. Let's talk about Isolation and Quarantine With the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Healthy

order, we are all doing some level of isolation and quarantine. It's important to know what they are and the distinction between the two. It is equally important to understand when it is safe to stop isolation and quarantine. What is Isolation? • Isolation is a way to keep a sick person from infecting others. • When in isolation, you should stay home except to get medical care. What is Quarantine? • Quarantine is a way to keep people who were potentially exposed, but do not have symptoms, from infecting others. • When in quarantine, you should stay home the guidance for isolation

tion? It is safe to discontinue isolation after: 1 You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use medicine that reduces fevers) AND 2. Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved) AND 3. At least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first started. When is it safe to stop Quarantine? • It is safe to discontinue quarantine after 14 days without symptoms. • If you become sick during that time, you should follow except to get medical care. and only discontinue isola-

When is it safe to stop Isolation only after meeting the criteria for discontinuing isolation. How long are you contagious? • The guidelines for when it is safe to stop isolation and quarantine are based on how long someone who is infected or exposed to COVID-19 is contagious. • When the criteria for stopping isolation have been met, the individual is no longer at risk of being contagious. DOH Call Center, 1-800-525-0127, Press # after the prompt Education & Information, doh.wa.gov/, emergencies/coronavirus Okanogan County Alerts: Sign up for alerts like these from Emergency Management at: okanogandem.org

Primary results certified; delegates assigned

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

OKANOGAN - Final results have been tabulated and certified by the Okanogan and Douglas county auditors for Washington state's first Presidential Primary election on March 10 and, at the state level, delegates assigned in accordance with the statewide

A Washington State Dem-March 24 reports that near- among the 13 ballot con- four other candidates delegate positions."

voters cast ballots with Vice President Joe Biden collecting 591,403 votes and Senator Bernie Sanders with 570,039 votes.

"Those vote totals translate into 46 pledged delegates for Vice President Biden and 43 pledged delegates for Senator Sanders to the Democratic National Convention in July," the release said.

Locally, Okanogan Counocrats media release dated ty voters favored Sanders

ly 1.6 million Democratic tenders with 2,327 votes of received more than 100 38.93 percent over Biden votes, Elizabeth Warren, with 1,996 votes or 33.39 percent. Our of 24,317 registered county voters 12,405 cast ballots for a 51 percent turnout

> Douglas County had a 47.51% turnout with 11,144 of 23,454 registered voters casting ballots. Biden corralled 1,905 votes or 40.58 percent of the total cast and Sanders received 1,546 or 32.94 percent.

In both counties only

Michael Bloomberg, Amy Klobuchar, and Pete Buttigieg.

"Washington Democrats have shifted to an all-digital delegate selection process," said the WSD release, "but as has been true from the beginning of our primary, both presidential campaigns who received pledged delegates will retain the right of refusal over who is selected to fill each of their pledged

DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF

March 20

Disturbance at 310 Fairview Ave. in Bridgeport.

Court order violation at 637 State Route 173 on Bridgeport Bar.

Disturbance at 6 McCormack St. on Bridgeport Bar.

Missing person at Fifth Street and Columbia Avenue in Bridgeport.

Agency assistance at 2400 Tacoma Ave., No. 7 in Bridgeport. Juvenile problem at the 2600 block of Highland Drive in

Bridgeport. Brush fire at 2400 Tacoma Ave., No. 7 in Bridgeport.

Parking/abandoned vehicle at 1127-1/2 Fairview Ave.

in Bridgeport. Civil incident at 520 State Route 173 on Bridgeport Bar.

Non-injury accident at 929 Maple St., No. 44 in Bridgeport. 911 at 2400 Tacoma Ave., No.

8 in Bridgeport. Civil incident at 1637 Fisk Ave. in Bridgeport.

March 23

Stroke at 124 S. Mansfield

Blvd. in Mansfield. Agency assistance at 440 Crane Orchard Rd. in

Bridgeport. Juvenile problem at 712 Foster Ave. in Bridgeport.

March 24

Animal problem at 1809 Raymond Ave. in Bridgeport. Theft at 871 State Route 173 on Bridgeport Bar. Civil incident at 221 Simpson

St. in Mansfield. Welfare check at 38 S. Mansfield Blvd. in Mansfield.

Domestic disturbance at 35 S. Mansfield Blvd. in Mansfield.

March 25

Miscellaneous at State Route 173, milepost 2 in Bridge-

port. Civil incident at 38 S. Mansfield Blvd. in Mansfield.

Welfare check at 750 State Route 173 on Bridgeport Bar. Breathing problem at 1817 Raymond Ave. in Bridgeport.

March 26

Harassment/threat at 108 Arden Ave. on Bridgeport Bar. Extra patrol at 106 Davis Ave. in Bridgeport.

HOSPITAL

soon be on the way for Three Rivers but none too soon.

Community members can help the hospital by keeping scheduled appointments though they may take place by way of telephone or video chat.

"We also have a nurse hotline, so if patients who have COVID-19 symptoms want to talk to a nurse they can call our clinic at 509-689-3749 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday," said Best. "We have also been working on reviving our mammography program and starting a new outpatient physical therapy service, but those are on hold during this time in order to

minimize risk to patients." Although current restrictions are affecting revenues and threatening the ability to keep bills and staff paid, Three Rivers supports the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order and social distancing guidelines that have clinic.org/covid19 online.

been established to slow the spread of the virus.

Meanwhile, a team comprised of hospital administration, key leadership, and providers has been meeting weekly and attending conference calls in coordination with Okanogan County Public Health, the state Department of Health, and other healthcare organizations throughout the region to stay apprised of the COVID-19 situation as it develops, a

TRH media release said. On Tuesday, March 24, Okanogan County confirmed its first positive COVID-19 case. Two more were confirmed last Friday, March 27. As of this writing Okanogan County Emergency Management reports that 92 of 143 samples submitted for testing have returned negative

with 48 still pending. For more information about what Three Rivers and its clinic, Three Rivers Family Medicine, are doing to address the pandemic visit threerivershospital.net/covid-19-information/ or brewster-

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Family Health Centers deploys virtual patient care to combat COVID-19

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care capacity to strengthen its response to the COV-ID-19 virus, as well as guidance on its website https:// myfamilyhealth.org/ and patient portal https://myfamilyhealth.org/patient-portal/ to help people understand their options.

services allow us to continue close care for patients while they are at home. If ables remote care services, their symptoms or clinical situation worsens, our gagement of patients in staff, supported by clinician their homes and facilitating oversight, can respond rapidly and decide if they need more intensive levels Family Health Centers of medical care," said Dr. cal Director.

> Telehealth services allow patients to communicate with a healthcare provider to determine if they need to come into the clinic for evaluation, or if they can receive the advice, medications and clinical guidance

into the clinic for an inperson appointment. This approach reduces the risk of infectious disease spread to clinic staff and other patients and can also be used to keep higher-risk patients from contracting illnesses that other patients might have in the clinic setting. Virtual visits via telehealth may be scheduled with a provider through the FHC Call Center just as an inperson appointment can be scheduled.

'Our call center is screening patient calls and any indication of potential health risks is vetted by a medical

"Our expanded telehealth they need without coming provider and triaged for the proper modality to access care. In the end, we want to do our best to continue our underlying mission of ensuring access to care regardless of patients' ability to pay or other barriers such as this health crisis," said Jesus Hernandez, CEO of Family Health Centers.

> We ask patients who may have any of the following symptoms to first call our call center at 1-800-660-2129 and follow the guidance of our staff and providers to ensure the safest modality of care:

- Fever or chills
- · Cough

- · Shortness of breath
- Worsening of preexisting chronic health concerns

Patients can expect an immediate response and low barriers to care, whether it be via telehealth or inperson services with Family Health Centers.

Steps for Accessing Virtual Care at Family Health Centers

Step 1: IMPORTANT: First call FHC at 1-800-660-2129 to schedule your appointment. You will be scheduled with your primary care provider or a member of your care team at the earliest possible

Step 2: On the scheduled and other patients.

time of your virtual visit, a Medical Assistant or a member of your care team will call you and connect you for the virtual visit with your provider.

Step 3: Your provider will care for you via this virtual encounter and determine if an in-person healthcare visit is necessary depending on your health needs. Prescriptions will be mailed or can be picked up at our Omak drive through pharmacy. Guidance will be provided for proper protocols to follow during an in-person visit to insure your safety, the safety of your care team

DOUGLAS COUNTY

SUBMITTED BY DOUGLAS COUNTY PUD

EAST WENATCHEE -Douglas County PUD Comgen, Molly Simpson and the following actions during the March 23, Commis-District's East Wenatchee office:

- · Heard bid opening results from bid documents 20-02-D, reconductor and No. 4 to professional service rebuild the Rocky Reach to Chelan Falls No.1 115 KV Line. All bids will be evaluated prior to a recommendation for contract
- · Authorized the execution of a new collective bargaining agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 77 for a three year period effective April 1, 2020.
- Awarded contract 20-02-D, reconductor and rebuild the Rocky Reach to Chelan Falls No.1 115 KV Line to Sturgeon Electric Company the lowest responsive bid-
- Awarded contract 20-05-W, hatchery well and pump maintenance to H2O Well Service, Inc. the lowest responsive bidder.
- Approved a professional service agreement with to no longer be deducted responsibility seriously, and LGL Limited for support on from the Wells Project re- want to minimize possible telemetry studies. These source; the first amend- exposure to our employees

operation of the Wells Project. This contract will not exceed \$466,797 and will conclude March 31, 2023.

 Approved an agreement missioners Ronald E. Ska- for professional services with Bioanalysts, Inc., for Aaron J. Viebrock executed the services of Dr. Tracy Hillman as Chairperson of the Wells Habitat Consion meeting held at the servation Plan Hatchery Committee. This three-year contract is not to exceed \$145,000.

- Approved amendment agreement with Schnabel Engineering to add six tasks to their scope of work at the Wells Hydroelectric Project. This will increase the contract \$532,992.
- Authorized a professional service agreement with Geosystems, L.P. for the Eleventh Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report. A license requirement to identify any actual or potential deficiencies in the condition of the project, quality or adequacy of project maintenance, surveillance, or methods of operation that might endanger public safety. This navirus (COVID-19) pancontract will not exceed \$32,550 and will conclude July 31, 2020.
- dian Entitlement obligation our community. We take our studies are necessary for ment to the Wells Project and customers.

Power Sales Contract: the first amendment to Confirmation Agreement; the amendment to power sales contract for scheduling and payment; and the amendment to Okanogan power sales contract for scheduling and payment.

• Approved a line of credit for the District's Wells Hydroelectric Project. Necessary to provide liquidity for capital projects and day-today obligations.

 Authorized approval of land use permit 749A-02, Gene and Jana Shaughnessy. The permit is for continued use of Project lands previously permitted for a 20' access and boat buoy.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. April 13, at the District's East Wenatchee office. If a call in number is necessary, it will be provided at the top of the Draft Agenda posted on our website under Latest News the Friday before the meeting. Douglas PUD Facilities

In response to the Corodemic, all Douglas PUD facilities will be closed to the public until further no-• Affirmed four resolutice. Douglas PUD provides

Closed to the Public

The utility will maintain regular staffing and hours with customer service being provided through the drive up, telephone communications, online and mobile device access. Utility operations crews will continue field work and respond to power outages and will continue to make power restorations in the safest and quickest manner possible. The March 23rd Commission Meeting will be conducted through conference call. Please see the Draft Agenda posted on our website the Friday before the meeting under Latest News for details.

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Mail payments

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New Construction: please follow instructions: https:// DouglasPUD.org/services/ electric-service-guides

Brewster Marketplace sells hardware, pharmacy

By MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER-The Brewster Marketplace Pharmacy and True Value Hardware at 811 U.S. Highway 97 will soon have new owners with the recent announcement that Ag Supply Ace Hardware is purchasing the hardware side and Omak Pharmacy is acquiring the pharmacy business.

While many details remain to be worked out, Katelynn English, spokeswoman for Ag Supply in Wenatchee said that customers can follow developments by logging onto the Ag Supply Ace Hardware Facebook site online.

Sources advise that while the pharmacy will lease its present space and remain in operation at its present location, firearms sales and Sweet Ts Unique Gifts will be discontinued. The owner of Omak Pharmacy was unavailable for comment at the time of this writing.

Brewster Marketplace coowner Sabrina O'Connell said the hardware's firearms inventory was sold prior to the sale since Ag Supply will not include firearms among its line of products. O'Connell said Sweet Ts Unique Gifts is also closing though Ag Supply will continue to carry a selection of gift items.

Economic Alliance asks businesses to complete short survey

SUBMITTED BY RONI HOLDER-DIEFENBACH, ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

OMAK - The Economic Alliance has created a short Business Impact survey due to our current economic situation. Please take the time to complete it. We need to hear directly from you how the pacted your business, employ-

this confidential survey. Your responses are important, we need them to tell our local story and to ensure that we have access to essential services, grant/loan programs created to help small rural businesses. Thank you in advance.

https://www.surveymonkey. com/r/OCEA2020

If you have any questions COVID-19 pandemic has im- or need immediate small busiees and bottom line. Please Economic Alliance office at take 5-10 minutes to complete 509-826-5107.

Now is a good time to see a professional advisor

By Beth Stipe, Executive DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTH CEN-TRAL WASHINGTON

WENATCHEE - These are scary and uncertain times. We are being asked to keep a distance from our friends and fellow community members, we feel isolated at home, and we worry about the health and well-being of our friends and family. We wonder how the economy is going to rebound from all of this, and when we will feel a sense of normalcy again.

It is understandable then, that many of our donors are asking themselves some creating or updating your tough questions: Do I have my affairs in order? Will my loved ones be cared for should something happen to me or my spouse? Are my financial assets allocated in a way that will minimize risk but perhaps take advantage of the bear market? How can I best support charitable causes at this time when I know my community needs it most?

If you find yourself asking these questions, you are not alone. You are also fortunate to live in a community with an abundance of trusted professionals who can help you navigate the complicated answers to these questions. At the Community Foundation of NCW, we have the privilege of working with dozens of professional advisors who assist clients with estate planning, financial planning, and tax-smart strategies. They see the value that charitable giving provides their clients—as well as the communityand we work with them to help their clients meet

their charitable goals. To help you find a Professional the tax-benefits of chari-Advisor, we have compiled table giving a list on our website at https://cfncw.org/profes- tirement and want to learn sionaladvisorlisting/.

If you're like me, you've cancelled your travel plans and find yourself with more time on your hands to tackle some projects that have been easy to put on the back burner. Now is a good time to sit down (or set up a virtual meeting) with a professional advisor. Below is some guidance for setting up those meetings:

When is it time to see a Professional Advisor?

• If you are thinking about

· If you are planning remore about creating income streams through a charitable trust

What type of Professional Advisor should I see?

- Attorney: Visit your attorney if you need to write or update your will, consider creating a trust, or find out how to create income streams during life while also leaving a legacy.
- Accountant: Visit your accountant to explore ways to meet your charitable goals while also making taxsmart decisions.
 - Financial Planner: Vis-

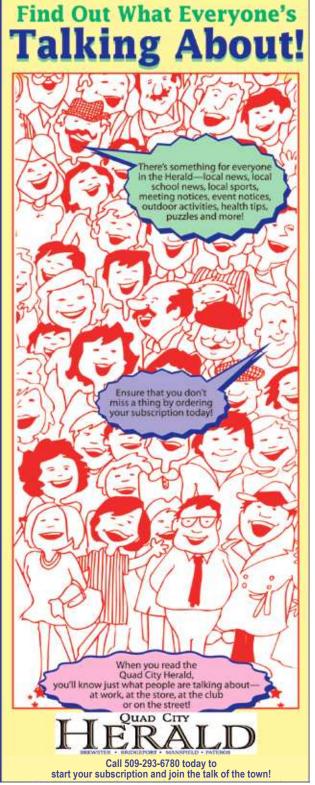
• If you are interested in it your Financial Planner to figure out how best to achieve your giving goals within your overall financial picture.

The list of Professional Advisors on our websites includes a wide variety of attorneys, accountants and financial advisors throughout North Central Washington. Remember, choosing a Professional Advisor is an important decision. Take time to find the right fit and make sure to do your research and ask the right questions. If you are not sure where to start, please call us here at the Community Foundation of NCW. We are happy to help you find the right path.

Unit of the Indian Health Service (HIS) have set up a drive-through COVID-19 26 for all HIS patients.

Assessment at the Nespelem Agency HIS clinic to help contain the spread of coronavirus onto the Reservation. The clinic will be open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, March





Submitting your **Bulletin Board item**

Who: Any non-profit 501(c)3 group. Person(s) must submit full name and contact phone number. What: Items pertaining to local events, meetings etc. that are free or a minimum charge. Where: email to: ruthk@lakechelanmirror. com, subject line QCH Bulletin. Deadline: Monday at 5 p.m. Be sure and include Date, time, place and cost if any.

Brewster Chamber April meeting canceled

BREWSTER - The Brewster

Chamber of Commerce meeting scheduled for April 2 has been cancelled because of COVID-19 outbreak. Plans for the Cherries Jubilee are still on and they will decide at a later date if they can move forward with that. For more information call Mike Mauk. president at 509-593-0771. Okanogan County

Transportation & Nutrition establishes emergency measures for meal

delivery BREWSTER - In response to

concern for the health of senior citizens regarding COVID-19, OCTN has established emergency measures which offers seniors a designated time in which they may arrive at their local Senior Center and pick up a meal to take home. We are asking all seniors interested in taking a meal home to please call their Senior Center to reserve a pick-up time. This service modification is in place thru March 26. The health threat related to the virus will be re-evaluated at that time. Call the Brewster Site Coordinator at 509-689-2815 to arrange for a meal pickup. The home-delivered meal pro-

gram is not interrupted and is on our regular schedule. For more information about senior meal programs: Okanogan County Transportation & Nutrition at

509-826-7979 or Aging & Adult Care of Central Washington at 800-572-

Tuesday, Wednesday, **Thursday**

Senior meals

BREWSTER - The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center hosts the Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition (OCTN) meals Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Suggested donation for those over age 60 is \$4. For those 60 and under the cost is \$8.50

Thursday, April 2

Tater Tot Casserole, Cottage Cheese, Tossed Salad, WW Roll, Apple Crisp

Tuesday, April 7
Stuffed Green Peppers, Chopped 49'er Salad, Apricots WW Roll, Dessert

Wednesday, April 8

Egg Salad Sandwich, Minestrone Soup Tossed Salad, Oregon Berries Angel Food Cake

April 10, 17

Brewster area monthly bus trips to Omak and Wenatchee BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Friday of the month. Next trip is April 10 The bus starts picking folks up at their homes at 7:30 a.m. Riders may request destination(s); medical appointments etc.

On the third Friday of each month, March 20, riders will be taken to Omak for the day. Riders request their destination(s).

Wenatchee: \$12/boarding for General Public, \$6 suggested donation/day for Seniors (60 plus). Omak: \$5.50/ General Public, \$2.75 suggested donation Seniors (60 plus). (509) 826-4391 to reserve your seat.

Forest Service pauses prescribed fire across Pacific **Northwest**

Community, firefighter safety top concerns

By USFS

PORTLAND, OREGON - The USDA Forest Service is pausing all spring prescribed fire efforts on national forest lands across the states of Oregon and Washington.

our communities across the region and didn't want to risk introducing smoke from prescribed that may be affected by COVID-19," said John

USDA Forest Service. 'With this pause, we can better protect those who may also be in higher-risk groups for COVID-19, such as the elderly and those with underlying respiratory conditions."

While frequent, lowintensity fire is essential to the long-term health of many northwest forests and communities, "We care deeply about employee and public safety remains the top priority.

The Forest Service Pacific Northwest Region fire into communities contains 17 National Forests, a National Scenic Area, a National Grass-Giller, Director of Fire land, and two National and Aviation Manage- Volcanic Monuments, ment for the Pacific all within the States of Northwest Region of the Oregon and Washington.

WDFW closes recreational fishing statewide in wake of governor's order to 'Stay Home, Stay Healthy' in response to COVID-19

By Washington Dept. of FISH & WILDLIFE

OLYMPIA - The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has announced its decision to temporarily close recreational fishing and shellfishing statewide in the wake of Washington Gov. Jay Inslee's order directing Washingtonians to stay home and stay healthy to limit the spread of coronavirus/COVID-19.

The closures will began at midnight Wednesday, March 25 and last until at least 5 p.m. on April 8. WDFW will re-evaluate on April 6 whether the closure may need to be extended.

"This is not a decision we take lightly, but it's the right thing to do for the health and well-being of Washington's families," said WDFW Director Kelly Susewind. "Monday's exresidents of our state to face-to-face nature of angler

these measures have the intended effect."

Fishery managers have reported that some anglers have been seen crowding banks as concerns over coronavirus have continued.

"We've seen an uptick in outdoor recreation at some locations in recent weeks as people have looked for ways to get outside," said WDFW Fish Program Director Kelly Cunningham. "We've had reports of crowded boat ramps and busy fishing on some rivers, which runs counter to the governor's direction to stay home and practice social distancing."

In addition, many salmon and steelhead fisheries require regular monitoring under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), which includes conducting angler interviews at access sites surrounding the state's matraordinary order for the rine waters. The on-site,

to work together to ensure potential risk of transmitting the coronavirus. Without such monitoring, these recreational fisheries must close to ensure ESA protec-

WDFW and other state agencies previously closed all of their water access sites, including boat launches, and other public lands where people may gather. Local and tribal governments are taking similar actions across Washington.

WDFW Enforcement officers remain on duty and will be enforcing these new

The lowland lakes opening day for trout remains scheduled for April 25, but will be evaluated depending on whether the governor's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order might be further extended.

For the latest updates on WDFW's coronavirus response, please visit https:// wdfw.wa.gov/about/cov-

stay home requires all of us interviews puts people at id-19-updates. Updates to openings and closures will be posted to that page. For the latest information on the statewide response to this pandemic, visit https:// coronavirus.wa.gov/.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is the state agency tasked with preserving, protecting, and perpetuating fish, wildlife, and ecosystems, while providing sustainable fishing, hunting, and other recreation opportunities.

Persons with disabilities who need to receive this information in an alternative format or who need reasonable accommodations to participate in WD-FW-sponsored public meetings or other activities may contact Dolores Noyes by phone (360-902-2349), TTY (360-902-2207), or email (dolores.noyes@dfw.wa.gov). For more information, see https://wdfw.wa.gov/accessibility/reasonable_request.

DEATH NOTICES

Annabel Weldon

Annabel Weldon, 90, of Spokane Valley, Washington and formerly of Brewster, Washington, passed away on March 22, 2020. Services to be announced.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at barneschapel.com. Services are entrusted to Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

Jacob Valdovinos-Pineda Jacob Valdovinos-Pineda, 31/2, of Brewster, Washington

passed away on March 24, 2020. No services will be held. Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at barneschapel.com. Services are entrusted to Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

Charles Edward Hull

Chapel of Brewster.

Charles Edward Hull, 78, of Brewster, Washington passed away on March 21, 2020. No services will be held. Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at barneschapel.com. Services are entrusted to Barnes

OBITUARY & MEMORIAL POLICIES

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Memorials are another way of letting the community know about the life and memories of the person who has died. A Memorial is different from an obituary. An obituary is usually current while a memorial can be written later.

Obituaries and memorials need to be typed and emailed no later than Friday by 4:00 p.m. to be placed in the next available issue(s). Please call for cost of an obituary and which NCW paper(s) that it will be placed in to.

Cost of the obituary/ memorial is due at the time of placement. Funeral homes and chapels can submit obituaries by Noon on Monday, unless a holiday.

Obituaries are priced per word while Memorial ads are per column-inch. For info call Ruth 509-682-2213, or email ruthk@lakechelanmirror.com

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest temporarily closing all developed recreation sites

By USFS

to the COVID-19 pandemic. as of March 27, all Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest developed recreation sites are closed until mea-

sures are lifted. Developed recreation

WENATCHEE - To be in restroom facilities, day-use business is being handled contact. dignment with State and areas, recreation rental and fire lookouts, and trailheads.

In addition, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest offices are currently conducting public business by phone, email, or

sites now closed include through web-based trans- by appointment only to campgrounds, Sno-Parks, actions; critical in-person minimize person-to-person

federal guidelines relating facilities including cabins El Bosque Nacional **Okanogan-Wenatchee Cierra Temporalmente todos los Sitios** Desarrollados de Recreación;

orden estatal COVID-19 de Sno-Parks, instalaciones "Permanecer en sus hogares " del gobernador

Wenatchee - Para estar en alineamiento con las pautas estatales y federales relacionadas con la pandemia de COVID-19, a partir del 27 de marzo de 2020, todos los sitios desarrollados de recreación en el Bosque Nacional Okanogan-Wenatchee estarán cerra-

dos hasta nuevo aviso. Los sitios desarrollados

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> Además, las oficinas del Bosque Nacional Okanogan-Wenatchee actualmente realizan negocios públicos por teléfono, correo electrónico o transacciones en línea; los negocios críticos en persona se manejan con cita solo





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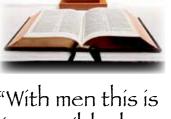


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is seeking

project applications from organizations that can comprehensive and coordinated community- based nutrition education and/ or obesity prevention projects with low- income audiences receiving and/or eligible for Basic Food. An informational webinar will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. PDT. The deadline for the grant applications will be on Friday, May 1, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. PDT. For more information on webinar, the webinar, and to download the grant application and materials, please visit

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tions in response to this

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The Cascade School District is seeking qualified applicants for the following position:

•Icicle River Middle School Bilingual Secretary starting 2020-2021 school year

Fast Track application process and information can be found on our website at:

www.cascadesed.org EOE

PUBLIC WORKS UTILITY MAINTENANCE WORKER

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THEME: COFFEE AND TEA

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Highly Capable Program

Cascade School District is committed to identifying and providing for the unique educa-tional needs of all of our stu-dents. At this time, the district is soliciting nominations from parents, school staff, and community members for students that are believed to have a nigh capacity to learn quickly deeply, and/ or broadly, so that we can better provide an individualized educational service to each of our students. Students nominated through this process will be considered for proceed the state of the stat enrollment in the district's nighly capable program based upon screening and assessment with the permission of their parent/ guardian.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Cascade School District website www.cascadesd.org under Programs and Highly Capable and in school offices. In order to be considered for identification for the coming school year, nomination forms should be returned to Mike Janski, Highly Capable Director, at

lcicle River Middle School by April 17, 2020 either by drop-ping them by the middle ping them by the middle school, by email mjanski@cas cadesd.org or by mail; 10195 Titus Rd. eavenworth, WA 98826

El Distrito Escolar de Cascade está comprometido a identifi-car y proveer para las necesieducacionales únicas de todos los estudiantes. En este momento, el distrito está solicitando nominaciones de padres, del personal escolar, y de los miembros de comunidad para estudiantes, que se creen tener una alta capacidad de aprendizaje rápido, intensi-vamente, y/o de manera amplia, para que podamos proveer un mejor servicio de educación individualizada para cada uno de nuestros estudi-Los estudiantes nominados para este proceso se van a considerar para

la matriculación en el grama, highly capable gram- (Programa de alta capa-cidad), será basado en exámenes v evaluaciones con el per de los padres/tutores le

Las formas para hacer una nominación se pueden obtener por la página de web del Dis-Escolar de Cascade (www.Cascadesd.org se en-cuentran bajo la pestaña del Programs y Highly Capable) y en las oficinas escolares. Con el fin de ser considerado para la identificación del próximo año escolar, deben devolver las formas de nominación al Sr. Mike Janski, Director del Programa de Alta Capacidad en la Escuela Intermedia Icicle River para el 17 de abril, 2020 por correo electrónico mjanski@cascadesd.org o por cor-reo;10195 Titus Rd. Leavenworth, WA 98826. (WAC 392-170-035, WAC 392-170-036)

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Can old drugs do new tricks?

Watching the press release the other day of the FDA describing medications being studied for use against coronavirus, I was intrigued when the official mentioned they were studying 2 drugs as possible treatment options, chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine. I am personally familiar with hydroxychloroquine, because I took it for several years to successfully treat my lupus.

Ten years ago, my upper arms and lower abdominal muscles started swelling and hurting. When the pain got so bad I couldn't turn over in bed by myself, raise my arms above my shoulders, or lift more than 5 pounds, I got scared. At the same time, my hands broke out in an itchy, painful rash, and my cuticles became so exquisitely tender that I could barely stand to wash my hands.

When I saw my family doctor, he explained that I had a type of autoimmune disease called lupus and prescribed prednisone.



If I am very lucky I will NEVER, ever take that demonic medicine ever again. While I was taking the prednisone, I couldn't eat, I could barely sleep, and had several very scary "out of body" experiences. After only one week, I quit taking it and begged my doctor for something else.

He referred me to a colleague of his, a rheumatologist at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle, who I found out also takes care of my younger sister. Evidently, she and I both have lupus, although she has a different type than I do. With lupus, your body attacks its own cells, creating inflammation, pain, and sometimes permanent scarring. While some types of lupus affect blood vessels or organs, I have the dermatomyositis form, which targets your skin and muscles.

My rheumatologist started me on hydroxychloroquine, the exact same drug that the FDA is now studying for use against coronavirus. Both hydroxychloroquine and its parent drug, chloroquine have been around since the mid-1940s, and were originally developed and marketed as alternatives to quinine to treat malaria.

Malaria is an illness caused by a parasite called plasmodium that lives on blood. Plasmodium is transmitted from one host to another by the bite of an infected mosquito. Although malaria used to be common in parts of the United States, today nearly all cases are acquired abroad, either in travelers returning home or recent immigrants.

Half of the world's population is at risk of developing malaria. In 2015 there were an estimated 214 million cases of malaria worldwide, 85% caused by the parasite Plasmodium falciparum, causing 438,000 deaths. Malaria from P. falciparum causes infected red blood cells to stick to the sides of blood vessels, blocking oxygen delivery to your organs, and can be fatal if not treated.

Quinine was the first drug found to be helpful against malaria. A Jesuit missionary in South America heard about healing properties of the bark of the cinchona tree from the local people, and spread the word to Europe.

Native to the the Andes mountains of Peru and Ecuador, the cinchona tree was imported and cultivated in India and Indonesia to produce the drugs quinine and quinidine. While quinine treated malaria. quinidine was a heart suppressant used to control certain types of irregular heartbeat. Quinidine is rarely used today because safer heart medicines are available.

Quinine's extremely bitter taste gives a characteristic "bite" to both tonic water and vermouth, a flavored wine used in making martinis.

When Japan captured Indonesia during World War II, it cut off the source of 90% of the world's supply of quinine. Although German scientists found a replacement medication fairly quickly, called quinacrine, it eventually proved to be too toxic to be used for long periods of time and could not prevent

With quinine still unavailable during the 1940s, the governments of both Germany and the United States each assigned task forces of scientists to discover and develop replacement antimalarial medicines. Ironically, although each group worked independently, they both came up with the same solution: the discovery of chloroquine and its close relative, hydroxychloroquine.

Chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine don't have just the ability to combat malaria. The scientists who developed these medicines found that they also had potent anti-inflammatory properties, particularly helpful in easing the pain and stiffness of rheumatoid arthritis (RA). Hydroxychloroguine continues to be frequently used for both RA and lupus, while chloroquine is reserved for treating malaria that has become resistant to other medicines.

Taking hydroxychloroquine brought my lupus under control. Let's hope that either it or its close relative chloroquine can be found useful in today's fight against the COVID-19 coronavirus.

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COVID-19 Getting your questions answered

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

OLYMPIA - So much has changed in the last several weeks, and the world has learned so much about COVID-19. Let's review some of our Frequently Asked Questions. Some of the answers have changed since we last asked and answered them!

Do I have COVID-19?

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever (temp over 100.4 degrees F), tiredness, and dry cough. Some people also get aches and pains, stuffy or runny nose, a sore throat, or diarrhea. Some people get COVID-19 and don't get any symptoms at all! Some people will get very sick with high fever and difficulty breathing. One of the reasons we are all staying at home as much as possible now is that we can't always tell when someone might have COVID-19 or be contagious. So if we all stay home, we will not spread the virus, even if we don't have symptoms (yet) or if we misinterpreted a new cough as allergies or something else.

Should I get tested?

Testing is becoming more available, but we still don't have as many test kits as we would need to be able to test as many people as we would like. Remember—there are no specific treatments for COVID-19, and most people (about 80%) recover from the disease without needing medical care. So getting a test result doesn't change the medical advice you will

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get. If you have a fever, you should rest, drink lots of fluids, and eat nourishing foods.

I saw on social media that there's a vaccine or cure or top secret thing doctors don't want you to know about!

Don't believe everything you see on the internet. There is no vaccine or specific treatment for COVID-19. Antibiotics don't work against viruses, including this virus. There is nothing you can eat, rub on yourself, or inhale that will protect you from this virus or cure it. There is quite a bit of research going on into a vaccine or medications that may help, so I hope to be able to pass on that good news soon. But until then, just scroll past anything that sounds too good to be true.

Does ibuprofen make COVID-19 worse?

This is such a new virus that doctors must make quick decisions for their patients without all the information they need. Some French doctors currently advise against using ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil, many generic versions) for COVID-19 symptoms based on a few observations of people with COVID-19 who were taking ibuprofen and got worse. Of course, some people with COVID-19 do get worse. The studies that can help tell us whether ibuprofen may contribute to people with

COVID-19 getting very sick haven't been done yet. So, doctors and public health institutions have to figure out what to do with this little bit of unclear information. The World Health Organization initially recommended using acetaminophen instead of ibuprofen to help with fever and aches related to COVID-19. They have since updated that recommendation to say that either acetaminophen or ibuprofen can be used.

I have a regularly scheduled doctor or dental appointment.

Should I go? No. At this point—both to conserve the masks, gowns, and gloves that keep health care safe and to support us all in staying home—you should call your doctor and see if your appointment can be done over the phone or videochat or rescheduled. If you are not in pain, your dental appointment should be rescheduled. Elective surgeries should

be rescheduled. Can I get this

from my pet? No. We have no reason to believe our pets can spread COVID-19 to us. Not from licking us or from us petting their fur. And, no, you should not try to get your pet tested for COVID-19.

What can I do to keep my immune system strong?

The best way to keep your immune system strong is to take great

care of yourself. Rest, eat fruits and vegetables, drink water, get moderate daily exercise. Try to reduce your stress, and get enough sleep. Connect with a friend or loved one.

What all is closed now?

Well, actually, it's easier to say what's open. Gov. Jay Inslee has issued a Stay Home, Stay Healthy order in Washington state which will be effective for a minimum of two weeks. The order requires every Washingtonian to stay at home. We can leave the house to get groceries or takeout, go for a walk or other exercise, or go to work at an essential business. All grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, and food supply chains will remain open.

Do I work at an "essential business"? Your work is very important. Here is the list of what is defined as "essential": https://coronavirus. wa.gov/whats-open-andclosed/essential-busi-

How long is this going to last?

The governor's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order will last at least two weeks. It is likely that some amount of social distancing will be necessary for weeks or months beyond that. The better we do at staying home and away from other people, the quicker we will get the virus under control.

If we haven't covered your question here, you can find great information on the state's new web portal for information about COVID-19 (coronavirus.wa.gov), on the Department of Health website (www.doh.wa.gov), or on the CDC website (www.cdc.gov). Or you can call our COVID-19 hotline at 1-800-525-0127 and press #, or email us at DOH.Information@ doh.wa.gov.

Many thanks to Lamar Advertising Company of Spokane for donating digital billboards to the state to help get out information about COVID-19. The 15 billboards went up yesterday, and are peppered throughout Eastern and Central Washington. They advertise the state's web portal for information about COVID-19, coronavirus.wa.gov.

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