

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY
Today is Saturday, April 11, the 102nd day of 2020. There are 264 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On April 11, 1980, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission issued regulations specifically prohibiting sexual harassment of workers by supervisors.

ON THIS DATE
In 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated as Emperor of the French and was banished to the island of Elba. (Napoleon later escaped from Elba and returned to power in March 1815, until his downfall in the Battle of Waterloo in June 1815.)

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln spoke to a crowd outside the White House, saying, "We meet this evening, not in sorrow, but in gladness of heart." (It was the last public address Lincoln would deliver.)

In 1921, Iowa became the first state to impose a cigarette tax, at 2 cents a package.

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald in Germany.

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which included the Fair Housing Act, a week after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1970, Apollo 13, with astronauts James A. Lovell, Fred W. Haise and Jack Swigert, blasted off on its ill-fated mission to the moon.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan returned to the White House from the hospital, 12 days after he was wounded in an assassination attempt. Race-related rioting erupted in the Brixton district of south London.

LOTTERY
Megabucks: \$2.4 million
6-8-13-26-29-30

Mega Millions: \$136 million
25-33-43-51-68-20 x2

Powerball: \$20 million
2-37-39-48-54 — PB-5 x3

Win for Life: April 8
14-21-66-67

Pick 4: April 9

• 1 p.m.: 7-9-9-3; • 4 p.m.: 8-9-1-9

• 7 p.m.: 8-4-2-6; • 10 p.m.: 6-9-9-2

Pick 4: April 8

• 1 p.m.: 3-8-8-2; • 4 p.m.: 7-4-9-3

• 7 p.m.: 0-5-4-0; • 10 p.m.: 0-2-3-1

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TODAY'S QUOTE

"We are what we pretend to be, so we must be careful about what we pretend to be."

— Kurt Vonnegut, American author (born 1922, died this date in 2007)

Baker County freezes hiring, limits spending

By Samantha O'Conner
EO Media Group

BAKER CITY — Baker County commissioners have instituted a freeze on hiring employees not involved in working on coronavirus issues. Commission Chairman Bill Harvey also has to approve any expenditures exceeding \$500 as officials brace for cuts in state revenue due to the pandemic.

Commissioners, meeting Wednesday morning, also discussed reassigning employees whose salaries are paid in part by Oregon

Lottery revenue or the local lodging tax.

"We need to conserve all of our resources and our contingency at this point to be able to possibly have to realign some of the losses that we may have to experience," Commissioner Mark Bennett said.

The county's general fund contingency for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, is \$692,000.

"I think that what drove this whole discussion on the funding restrictions is the fact that we have the unknown on the road pact

now, we have the unknown for the lottery funds, we have the unknown on the (lodging tax) funding," Bennett said.

Both Bennett and Commission Chairman Bill Harvey said the county has more questions than answers right now regarding the actual financial effect on the county.

"I think that one of the things that's somewhat stressing is that legislature will likely not meet until May, mid-May, so we really have no guidance whatsoever," Bennett said.

One project that isn't being held up by budget concerns is the construction of a new Eagle Valley Rural Fire Department station in Richland.

The project is paid for by a federal Community Development Block Grant the county received four years ago.

Commissioners voted Wednesday to award the construction contract to Gyllenberg Construction of Baker City.

Commissioners initially awarded the \$1,363,000, job to Gyllenberg Construction

in November 2019, but that was contingent on either the county or the Eagle Valley Rural Fire Department or the county raising more money, as the bid was about \$75,000 more than the \$1,288,700 available through the grant.

State officials, who administer the grant, increased the amount to the maximum of \$1.5 million, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture added \$80,000. The Leo Adler Foundation contributed \$60,000, and Idaho Power Company \$5,000.

Masking up becoming the norm



Photo by Ellen Morris Bishop/EO Media Group

At left, Jake and Kathy Wolfe of Enterprise wear masks when they are out and about, including grocery shopping. Kathy Wolfe is a volunteer for the hospital auxiliary and has made many masks to help augment those of nurses, physicians and other providers at the hospital, as well as making those that she and her husband were wearing. They cover their faces, she said, "because we don't want to get sick, and we don't want others to get sick either."

Sewing a mask (below left)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provide these instructions for how to sew a mask. This filter pattern also can incorporate additional layers of filtration material.

No-sew masks (below right)

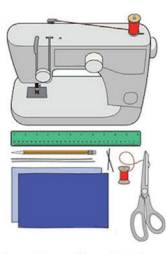
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provide these instructions for a simple face mask that incorporates an extra filter such as coffee filter, or HEPA vacuum bag.

Graphics provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Sewn Cloth Face Covering

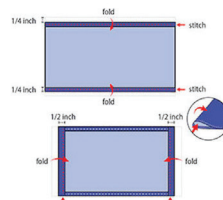
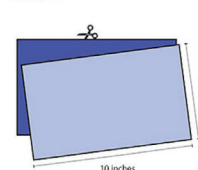
Materials

- Two 10"x6" rectangles of cotton fabric
- Two 6" pieces of elastic (or rubber bands, string, cloth strips, or hair ties)
- Needle and thread (or bobby pin)
- Scissors
- Sewing machine

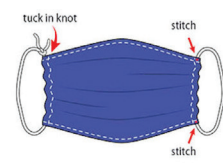
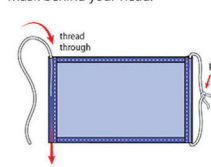


Tutorial

1. Cut out two 10-by-6-inch rectangles of cotton fabric. Use tightly woven cotton, such as quilting fabric or cotton sheets. T-shirt fabric will work in a pinch. Stack the two rectangles; you will sew the mask as if it was a single piece of fabric.



3. Run a 6-inch length of 1/8-inch wide elastic through the wider hem on each side of the mask. These will be the ear loops. Use a large needle or a bobby pin to thread it through. Tie the ends tight. Don't have elastic? Use hair ties or elastic headbands. If you only have string, you can make the ties longer and tie the mask behind your head.

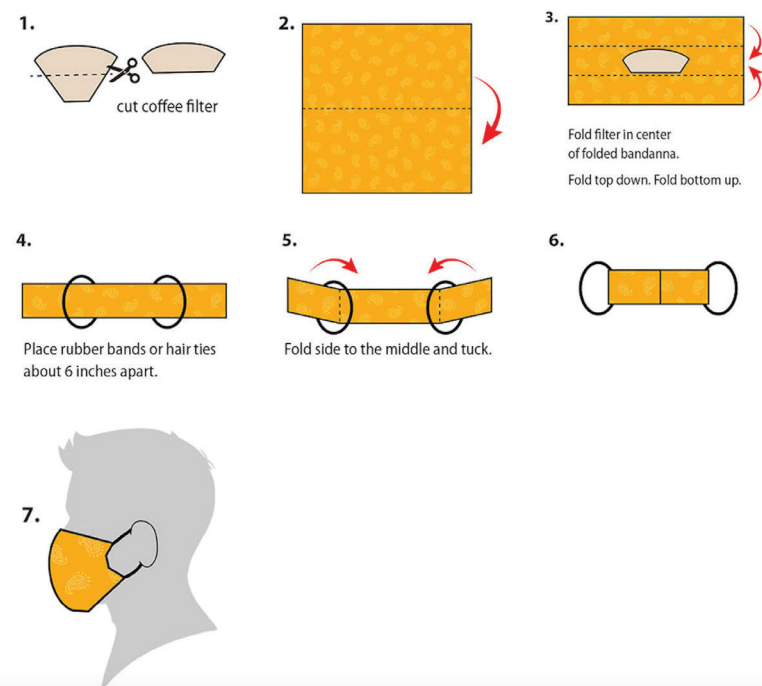


Bandanna Face Covering (no sew method)

Materials

- Bandanna (or square cotton cloth approximately 20"x20")
- Coffee filter
- Rubber bands (or hair ties)
- Scissors (if you are cutting your own cloth)

Tutorial



Pianist performs COVID concert for audience at an appropriate distance

By Kathy Aney
EO Media Group

PENDLETON — It was live music with a social distancing twist.

The performer sat inside her Pendleton home Wednesday afternoon playing her baby grand piano, the sound flowing out a front window to spectators sitting in cars, lawn chairs or sprawled on the grass.

Suzi Wood started playing piano 69 years ago at age 5. With Gov. Kate Brown's executive order decreeing the closure of all but essential businesses, the piano teacher stopped instructing students in mid-March and was at loose ends.

So the classically trained pianist messaged friends and neighbors,

inviting them to a concert like none they had ever attended. She would play show tunes inside, while they listened from afar. At 4 p.m. Wednesday, about 20 people positioned themselves in the Woods' front yard, across the street and in vehicles.

Wood's husband, Pendleton City Councilor Chuck Wood, offered refreshments and an array of pandemic supplies: masks, gloves and hand wipes.

Two cyclists cruised up and leaned their bikes against a tree. A family of three and their dog settled into a spot of lawn on the parking strip. Wood stepped out onto her porch and greeted her fans.

She dedicated the concert to two friends who

died last week, one from COVID-19 complications and the other of cancer.

"If you feel like getting up and dancing, please do that," she said.

She re-entered the house, appearing at a living room

window where she sat down at the piano. Almost immediately "Exodus" flowed from the house, strong and easily heard a block away.

The tunes kept coming — "Born Free," "Don't Cry for Me Argentina,"

"It's a Wonderful World," Memory," "Piano Man," "The Morning After," "My Heart will Go On," "Nadia's Theme," "I Dreamed a Dream" and "All I ask of You." Motorists driving by slowed to give a listen.

"I did this for my friends who were getting cabin fever," Wood said. "With being locked in our homes, we needed uplifting things. I thought show tunes, something people could identify with."



Photo by Kathy Aney/EO Media Group

Spectators listen to show tunes Wednesday outside the Pendleton home of classically trained pianist Suzi Wood.

GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL & CLINICS

DOC TALK Q&A: COVID-19 (NOVEL CORONAVIRUS 2019)

Q: How do I self-quarantine or self-isolate?

A: If you develop COVID-19 or have been exposed to the virus, you may be asked to "self-isolate" (if you're sick) or "self-quarantine" (if you might be sick). In some people, COVID-19 is mild enough that you can safely recover at home. Here's how you can protect others in your household while you recover:

- Don't leave home except to get medical care.
- Keep away from people and pets at home.
- Use a face mask, cover your coughs, and clean your hands often.
- Clean high-touch surfaces.
- Stay home until you get the green light.

—Frank Szumski, DO, GRH RMC Primary Care Provider

Your trusted GRH doctors are answering your COVID-19-related questions through this Doc Talk Q&A series. For more information on what to do if you're sick, visit cdc.gov/coronavirus.

The Doctor is IN

Grande Ronde Hospital

As we navigate COVID-19, we want to be sure and remind you that the safety and health of our patients, staff and community is our number one concern. We are working closely with CHD, OHA, and other partners to respond appropriately and as effectively as possible. For the latest updates from GRH, visit our web page dedicated to COVID-19 News & Updates: grh.org/covid19.



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