

GRAD,

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ceremony, including speeches and diploma awards, will be planned. The decision about in-person graduations will be made by July 6 and shared publicly at that time.

"I am so proud of our senior class representatives who sat down and had really honest conversations with me about their expectations," said Superintendent Christy Perry. "Not only did they help our district leadership with the decision-making process, but they also exhibited just the kind of confidence and understanding that will take them far in life."

Beginning next week,

seniors can collect their caps and gowns and return any Chromebooks or textbooks. The handoffs are being scheduled at the schools and will adhere to social distancing guidelines. The date for McNary students to pick up their caps and gowns is Tuesday, May 7.

There are more than 2,600 students in the Class of 2020. Approximately 1,900 of them completed the requirements to graduate when the emergency closure began on March 13. School representatives are working with the students who are credit-deficient with individualized learning plans to earn credits for an on-time graduation.

REVAMP: Applicants already exceed capacity

(Continued from Page A1) result of COVID-19. Eligible businesses must meet all of the following requirements, the business:

1. Has been subject to change-in-service or closure order caused by COVID-19.
2. Been in operation since April 30, 2019, or earlier.
3. Have fewer than 15 employees.
4. Have payroll expenses for March and April 2020 of \$2,500 or more.
5. Have not received a similar Marion County grant.
6. Is not a national chain or franchise.

Eligible businesses can fill out the application questionnaire online at: tinyurl.com/keizerloans.

The city will be taking applicants at their word when it comes to eligibility.

"The unfortunate thing is we could spend half the money providing oversight for the other half," said Community Development Director Nate Brown.

Brown is still trying to address some concerns being brought forward, such as whether a business is still eligible if it has been shut

down since early March, and as a result, had payroll expenses lower than the \$2,500 threshold.

There is also some question as to whether businesses that "voluntarily" reduced hours to cut expenses or taken other action falls under the "change-in-service" umbrella.

Regardless, demand for the program had already exceeded the number of forgivable loans that will be made available.

"We had 10 application within the first hour and we're up to 20, now," said Brown on Tuesday, April 28.

Because of the limited funding available, qualifying applications will be chosen at random. The names of applicants businesses will be put into a bucket and drawn from that, it's the same bucket used to appoint city councilors when vacancies occur and the sitting councilors deadlock on a vote.

Applications are due to the City of Keizer no later than May 7 with distribution of funds no later than May 21.

The money to fund the loans is being received from Marion County through its Community Prosperity program, which is funded by Oregon Lottery revenues.

Questions can be directed to the Community Development Department at 503-856-3441.

TORCH,

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the walls and at least one appliance. No one else, or their property, appeared to have been struck by the bullets that passed through the exterior of the home.

Electricity to the house was turned off and a code enforcement officer responded to ensure the gasoline was not in danger of igniting. Detectives also discovered a suspected explosive device in the house and contacted members of the Salem police bomb squad who responded to render the device safe.

Robert Lenard Beck, 62, was arrested and lodged at the Marion County Jail. He has been charged with attempt to commit a Class A felony and recklessly endangering another person. Beck's bail was set at \$250,000, but he is being held at the jail out of concern regarding his risk to the public.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- 8:19 a.m. - Domestic disturbance in the 700 block of Farmland Lane NE.
- 9 a.m. - Domestic disturbance in the 1000 block of Murphy Avenue NE.
- 9:06 a.m. - Theft in the 800 block of Chemawa Road N.

MONDAY, APRIL 20

- 10:05 a.m. - Domestic disturbance in the 400 block of Dearborn Avenue N.
- 5:10 p.m. - Arrest for unlawful entry to vehicle and theft of motor vehicle parts or accessories in the 1000 block of Leo Street NE.
- 10:48 p.m. - Arrest for crime damage, strangulation and physical harassment in the 500 block of Chemawa Road N.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

- 6:40 a.m. - Arrest for simple assault in the 1000 block of Clearview Avenue NE.
- 2:06 p.m. - Domestic disturbance in the 7000 block of Zinfandel Street NE.
- 7:27 p.m. - Criminal trespassing in the 1000 block of Murphy Avenue NE.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

- 1:06 a.m. - Arrest for contempt of court in the 4000 block of Chelalis Court N.

1:24 p.m. - Domestic disturbance in the 4000 block of Verda Lane NE.

9 p.m. - Arrest for simple assault in the 5000 block of McLeod Lane NE.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

- 12:05 a.m. - Attempting to elude a police officer in the 3000 block of Canterbury Drive S.
- 8:32 p.m. - Arrest for physical harassment in the 1000 block of Clearview Avenue NE.
- 9 p.m. - Stolen vehicle theft in the 1000 block of Rushmore Avenue N.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

- 9:16 a.m. - Stolen vehicle in the 5000 block of Allendale Way NE.
- 12:28 p.m. - Physical harassment in the 5000 block of Lancers Court NE.
- 4:42 p.m. - Stolen vehicle theft in the 4000 block of Arnold Street NE.
- 7:36 p.m. - Physical harassment in the 1000 block of Murphy Avenue NE.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

- 8 p.m. - Stolen vehicle at the intersection 13th Avenue NE and 12th Avenue NE.
- 10 p.m. - Criminal mischief in the 500 block of Bever Drive NE.

RETAIL: More effort, less income for some

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Fortunately, Dan's Pawnshop is still operating under usual business hours and they haven't had to let any of their employees go.

"Our numbers are down a little, but when stuff gets back to normal, I think we will be okay," Jenks said.

One man that can't wait for things to get back to normal is Tony Grove, owner of Tony's Kingdom of Comics and Collectibles.

The comic industry as a whole is currently in a world of hurt due to the coronavirus, especially since Diamond Comic Distributors — the company that supplies monthly comics to retail stores in the U.S. — announced that they were refusing to accept new content from the industry's largest publishers, like Marvel and DC.

"The coronavirus has had a domino effect on the entire industry. There will be a lot of

Ma and Pa stores that won't make it," Grove said.

Grove is running the store by himself and, although he is offering curbside service and orders via phone call or Facebook, his business is considered "non-essential," so no patrons are allowed in the store.

According to Grove, not being able to have customers in the store has been one of the biggest detriments to his business.

"People like to come into my store to look and touch stuff. Now, that's no longer an option," Grove said. "I'm having to work four times harder for about 10 percent of the normal income I would get."

Although his store is in crisis mode right now, Grove is incredibly thankful to the people that have been coming to his shop for years.

"The only reason I might survive is because of my loyal customers," Grove said.

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