# LEVY: Despite pandemic, commissioners agree that levy question can't wait

possibly wait."

Hood River County has enough reserve funding to maintain existing service levels through the end of the fiscal year, June 2020; but if the county has not secured additional funding by then, they will have make service reductions, primarily within public safety.

Benton explained that, due to the county's financial situation and the necessity of keeping enough staff to manage an emergency response, he felt the answer to both of those questions was "no."

The other commissioners said that they agreed.

"Come July, we'll have to make cuts," said Commissioner Les Perkins, "So if we don't pass funding now, our credible services that we pro-

answered: One, is this the vide to the county are going right measure and two, can it to be cut to a point where we just can't function the way that we need to."

Said Commissioner Karen Joplin, "I think the county may be called upon to assist in ways that we don't yet know, and I feel compelled that we have to put the measure on the ballot and try."

"The way I see it, it doesn't matter if we pull this now or it fails, the result of that is going to be devastating for our county," said Commissioner Rich McBride, "The only way forward that can save us from these cuts, which will have impacts years into the future ... is to run this as well as we

More information on the measure is available on the county's website, www.co. hood-river.or.us.



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CHAIRS set up 3-feet apart in a county conference room to promote social distancing during the special meeting.



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### **PLANT SALE CANCELED**

The Central Gorge and Wasco County Master Gardener Associations have decided to cancel their Annual Plant Sales that were scheduled to take place on May 9. Pictured is last year's sale at the Central Gorge Master Gardener greenhouse in Hood River. Each Master Gardener Association came to this decision to protect Master Gardener volunteers and community members during the COVID-19 pandemic. "The Central Gorge and Wasco County Master Gardner Associations thank you for your past patronage of our Annual Spring Plant Sales and hope to be able to provide you with high quality, locally grown plants again in future years," said a press release. Information about virtual plant clinics will be available soon.



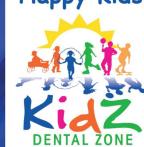
# Q. Where do I dispose of sharps containers? Riane, Hood River

A Riane, used sharps pose a potential health danger. So we really appreciate that folks properly dispose of them. There are several free drop sites for sharps in our area. Sharps must be in an approved red sharps container. The three drop sites are: Hood River Transfer Station, The Dalles Disposal, and the Moro Medical Clinic.

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**Topaz** – orangish yellow

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Garnet – purplish red Amethyst – purple Aquamarine – greenish blue Sapphire – blue Aquamarine – greenish blue Diamond – white Opal – blue and green and white

Emerald - green

**Pearl** – white Turquoise – light blue Each birthstone has a special meaning. To find out, do each math problem, put your answer on the line next to each gem and then find the answer in the list on the right.

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9. Love 10. Loyalty 11. Health 12. Success Extra! Extra **Words That** Sparkle ( Look through the newspaper for words that attract you to read more The words could be used to attract

you to an ad or a story. Can you find five? Use these words to

write a story.

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**Birthstone Survey** 

My pet's birthstone is: Family member birthstones:

Standards Link: Research: Locate information through interview and investigation

# Find the words in the puzzle. **AQUAMARINE**

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Lesson Library

#### **Fact and Opinion**

A newspaper publishes both facts and opinions. Look through the newspaper for three examples of each. Discuss with a parent how you can tell the difference.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Distinguish between fact and opinion.



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## Find the two identical diamonds.

