

# Emergency: Community response is bringing the family to tears

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over a week to recover from the unexpected surgery. Tucelia Barkley started a GoFundMe in the meantime, to help with travel expenses and bills while her mother recovers. On July 14, she opened the fundraiser. Her goal of \$2,000 was surpassed within two days. "We are very speechless, and my dad started crying when he saw the numbers," Tucelia said. But for donors, the generosity was an obvious response to a family deeply involved in the local community. "We're very woven into

the Pacific Northwest in general," Tucelia Barkley said. She said her mother is from the Yakima Tribe in Washington. A mother of four and grandmother of four, Barkley works in the janitorial department at the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center in Mission. "She takes her position very seriously," Tucelia Barkley said. Following the operation, Barkley won't be able to move around much for at least six weeks. When she's not working, Tucelia Barkley said her mother is constantly working on projects. Recently

she has been crafting war bonnets for Yakima war veterans. Just last month, Barkley had driven 37 cases of water bottles to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in Central Oregon, following a declaration of disaster over the drinking water system in the area. Tucelia Barkley said that they're uncertain about the cost of the surgery at this point. "We'll get to that storm when it comes," she said. For now, she said, the family is thankful for the GoFundMe support. "[Kathy] pours her heart out so it's good to see people have her back," she said.

# Renewal: Damaged streets in urban renewal area get boost in funding

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use all the district funds for Byers. City Manager Robb Corbett, the PDC's executive director, said not necessarily. "There's a lot of work that needs to be done," he responded. "I would request that it not specifically be all used on Byers." City engineer Tim Simons told the council that staff will consider what's the best use of the funds. That could mean working on the worst three blocks of Byers or take on easier work first. But construction won't begin right away. Simons said it is late enough in the year to get engineering work done and seek bids in October for construction in March 2020. That still allows for all the work to occur this fiscal year. Councilor Scott Farley, speaking over the phone because he was out of town, suggested holding off on voting for the proposal. "I want to fix streets as



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan  
**The intersection of Southeast Ninth Drive and Byers Avenue in Pendleton shows signs of wear with cracks and potholes. Byers Avenue is on the city's list of road repair projects.**

bad as anyone," he said, but the advisory committee found other projects also worthy of the urban renewal money. He suggested to wait a month to get a better sense of what the public wants. Mayor John Turner said he expected a vote at the meeting, and Chalmers agreed. Turner moved to use the money for roads in the urban renewal district. Councilor Carole Innes seconded. Six were for it, including Councilor Becky

Marks, who has been skeptical of using urban renewal funds for streets. Farley and Linda Neuman cast the votes against. While the outcome was not unanimous, the use of urban renewal funds was a critical component of Corbett's plan to fund street repairs over a 10-year span. The council continues to work on proposals to produce millions more dollars to pay for road work throughout the city.



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**Oregon Gov. Kate Brown speaks with the media at the Capitol in Salem. The head of the Oregon Republican Party on Monday took a first step toward forcing a recall election of Gov. Kate Brown, whose term expires at the end of 2022.**

# Recall: Forcing a recall election is not easy in Oregon

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like truckers and loggers who opposed the cap-and-trade proposal, gun owners who chafed at proposed gun controls, parents who rallied against proposed stricter vaccine regulations, and more. "The political landscape changed dramatically toward the end of the session," Currier said. "All of these groups, even though there's not much overlap between them, combine to represent well over a half million voters. And there's an incredible opportunity to harness that energy and direct it toward the change that they want." Currier said his party had made the decision just recently to pursue a recall. He believes that a number of contentious issues supported by the governor and other Democrats this year have created the potential for a coalition that could bounce her from office. Currier envisions that coalition including groups

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In the document initiating the recall effort, Currier also made explicit mention of Brown's threat, after the failure of the cap-and-trade bill, to implement new greenhouse gas regulations via executive order. "She has threatened to usurp legislative power with executive orders to implement her failed legislation, deciding single-handedly what is best for Oregon," Currier wrote. "This is not the Oregon way." The governor's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Local legislators, Rep. Greg Barreto (R-Cove) and Sen. Bill Hansell (R-Athens), also did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

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