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circumstances,” Myrick said. “It seems that some of the people that are not in an at-risk group might be skeptical of vulnerable people that are wearing a mask and look at them differently, but they don’t know that person’s challenges or who they’re going to... I wear a mask for my husband too.”

Myrick said, if others choose to not wear a mask, she acknowledges that it’s their choice, but would like the same respect in her decision to have a mask on.

Myrick said she has received comments from the public regarding her mask. In one experience, Myrick said somebody told her, “Excuse me, nurse,” and said they needed her help. She said the people were probably joking and trying to be friendly, but because she does not know them, she was unaware of their intentions.

She said she hopes people would be a bit more under-



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Gov. Kate Brown announced that all Oregon residents are required to wear masks or face coverings in indoor public spaces.

standing of a person’s decision to wear a mask and their choice to socially distance themselves from others.

“We don’t understand why this should be so controversial towards the people that do

choose to wear masks,” Myrick said.

Reynolds said, although younger people have a lower chance of dying from COVID-19, they can be carriers of the virus to vulnerable people.

“I hope to see the overall population, younger people as well as older people, to be proactive and participate in the health care for all of us,” Reynolds said. “It seems like one of the few things we can do to help each other.”

THE ‘WATCH LIST’

Because of a surge in COVID-19 cases, Gov. Kate Brown has created a “watch list” of counties experiencing an outbreak.

Two counties — Lake and Malheur — are represented by state Rep. Mark Owens, R-Crane, and state Sen. Lynn Findley, R-Vale, who also represent Grant County.

“In order for counties to stay open, for our citizens to stay healthy, for our small businesses to survive and for our kids to go back to school, we have to be diligent and continue to take these steps, challenging and frustrating they may be,” Owens said in a press release.

Both legislators have closed their physical in-district offices in Vale and Ontario to foot traffic but encourage constituents to reach out with questions or for support.

“We’re collectively urging our constituents to follow the measures in place at this time,” Findley said in the release. “Our citizens need to feel safe and be healthy, and our businesses are vulnerable to being shut down again, and we won’t make it through another round of closures.”



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A Jeep adorned with the stars and stripes is parked Saturday in the grass at the Fish House Inn and RV Park in Dayville to celebrate America’s independence.

Celebrate

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“Red, White, and Blue at Home Celebration” with a lamppost and chalk art contest.

For the lamppost contest, Emma, Jody and Ed Winkleman placed first while Tiffnie and Grayson Schmadeka placed second.

Nancy Moore took the top spot in the home decorating contest, and Shelley and Kelly Wyllie came in second.

In the chalk art contest, Grayson Schmadeka placed first in his category, ages 0-6, Alaina Furry placed first in the 7-12 group and Leah Furry placed first in the 13-18 group. For the adults, Carah Furry placed first. Travis Furry won the best overall art display.

Dayville City Recorder Ruthie Moore said the goal of the city’s mod-

ified celebration was for both residents and visitors to enjoy the holiday, but stay safe.

“Of course, we were all disappointed to not have some of our annual events,” she said. “We’ve been doing most of these events for approximately 35 years so they were undoubtedly missed, but it was really fun to try some new things.”

At the Fish House Inn and RV Park, community members and visitors enjoyed live music by Austin Lindstrom and barbecue ribs by the Stagecoach food cart.

The Stagecoach, which celebrated its grand opening the day before, is owned by Melody McGregor, Janet Garland and Dayville Merc owner Scott Knapp. They brought in Lindstrom for entertainment.

“We want to help hold this community together,” Knapp said.

He said there is no better way to bring people together than with food.



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Austin Lindstrom plays a set Saturday in downtown Dayville.

Pandemic

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But Hacke, in his motion to voluntarily dismiss the lawsuit, wrote that the Oregon Supreme Court’s June 12 ruling means the plaintiffs “cannot establish that (Brown) failed to comply with statu-

tory and constitutional time limits and procedural requirements concerning the use of her emergency powers.”

Shirtcliff approved Hacke’s motion to dismiss the lawsuit.

Hacke said Wednesday morning that he considered revising the lawsuit, focusing on a claim that Brown’s execu-

tive orders violate his clients’ constitutional rights to religious liberty.

But he said it’s unlikely the case would have gone to trial sooner than late fall.

And even if he convinced a jury that Brown had exceeded her legal authority, Hacke said the verdict could be overturned by an appel-

late court. Hacke said the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in late May, rejecting a California church’s request for an injunction blocking California Gov. Gavin Newsom’s limits on the number of people attending church services, illustrate the steep legal road that confronts plaintiffs’ challenging such restrictions

based on First Amendment protections.

“Governors have a lot of latitude in this time to protect the public,” Hacke said. “They can infringe on individual liberty if they need to to protect the public.”

Hacke said he still believes he can make a compelling

case that Brown has exceeded her authority, but he concedes it would be a challenge to prevail not only at the trial court level but also to thwart subsequent appeals.

“I’m not going to say impossible, but it definitely would have been more difficult to win under the circumstances,” he said.

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