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Commissioners approve ordinance prohibiting camping, obstructing county rights of way

By Elizabeth Morgan

Clearwater County Commissioners held an open public hearing for proposed Ordinance No. 49 in the Commissioners' Office Oct. 26.

County Attorney Trapper Stewart, author of the document, presented the ordinance to the Commissioners as written.

The purpose of the ordinance is to prohibit camping, placing or leaving property, and or otherwise obstructing or occupying County Rights of Way creating public health and safety hazards including but not limited to:

- Lack of proper and/or sanitary facilities for such activities, which leads to urination, defecation, litter, and other hazards in and on County Rights of Way;
- Interference with visibility for vehicles operating on the roadway;
- Interference with emergency vehicles, other vehicles parking under emergency circumstances;
- Distraction of drivers and other obstructions or hazards related to the use of public roadways;
- The lack of an address or other established location indicator for such locations to foster safe and effective deployment of emergency services personnel responding to calls which may arise to unauthorized campsites in the County Rights-of-Way.

Written testimony was received by Tina Madson and Cheryl Gerhart, both in support of the ordinance.

Others present at the hearing to speak in favor of the ordinance were James Moore, who expressed his frustration with the present circumstances, and made the comment that the ordinance should have been created long ago.

Sheriff Chris Goetz noted that many folks are under the assumption that there is a 14 day camping stay on county property of any kind, which is not true. "This gives us a tool for enforcement within the county right of ways, and when I speak of right of ways, I am referring to prescriptive easements as well. There's a lot of places where the county road goes through land for which we actually don't have a written easement. Excluding the primary roads, many of the county's roads are like that.

"Current laws do not allow for enforcement of campers or the right to move any of the debris left behind. Right now, unless it is a vehicle we have no way to deal with it, especially on prescriptive easements, because it is private prop-

Six-day weather forecast

Wednesday
Areas of fog before 1 p.m. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 57. Calm wind.

Wednesday Night
Patchy fog after 10 p.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 31. Calm wind.

Thursday
Areas of fog before 1 p.m. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 61.

Thursday Night
Patchy fog between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. Otherwise, mostly clear, with a low around 33.

Friday
A slight chance of rain after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 56.

Friday Night
A slight chance of rain before 7 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36.

Saturday
Patchy fog between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 60.

Saturday Night
Patchy fog. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 35.

Sunday
Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.

Sunday night
Patchy fog. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 37.

Monday
Mostly sunny, with a high near 62.

erty, not county property. With this (Sec....Commissioners approve pg 9A)

FALL BACK INTO FALL!
Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1
Set your clocks back one hour before retiring Saturday night, October 31.
This is also a great time to check your smoke alarm batteries.

Friday is the last day to vote early, in person

As Election Day draws near, those who wish to vote early in person and haven't done so, have until 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30.

The Clearwater County Clerk, Carrie Bird and her crew will begin opening the absentee and mail-in ballots which have been received thus far and feeding them into the DS200 ballot counting computers on Sunday, Nov. 1, prior to the election. They will continue through Monday, until all of the mail-in ballots are processed. The DS200 counts the ballots without revealing the actual figures until the election is finalized.

For security purposes, the process will be recorded, or livestreamed on the county's website

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Trick or Treat Rocking the Street set for this Friday

The Orofino Chamber of Commerce's annual Trick or Treat Rocking the Street event is planned for this Friday, Oct. 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Johnson Ave.

Your local business owners and organizations will be handing out candy and goodies or running contests solely for the purpose of providing a fun safe place for our community's youth to gather for Halloween. The event is free and open to the public, the only requirements are that participating kids be in costume and accompanied by an adult.

Johnson Ave will be shut down from 4 to 7 p.m. and any interested business owners (even if you are not located on Johnson Ave.) are welcome to set up a table in the street and give out treats or host a contest for participating youngsters. Executive Director Jordyn Howell also asks that any

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This house located in Ahsahka is all set for Halloween, complete with a mummy that pops out of the outhouse to grab a roll of toilet paper from a pumpkin. The weather for trick-or-treaters is predicted to be warmer towards the end of the week, in stark comparison to the extreme cold for October, that was experienced the first part of the week. Photo by Lenta Hall

Idaho moves back to Stage 3 amid healthcare capacity constraints statewide

Governor Brad Little signed a statewide public health order today moving Idaho back into a modified Stage 3 of the Idaho Rebounds plan as healthcare facilities throughout the state face alarming demand and capacity constraints due to increasing COVID-19 spread.

"Hospitals throughout the state are quickly filling up or are already full with COVID-19 patients and other patients, and way too many healthcare workers are out sick with COVID-19," Governor Little said.

Under the new Stage 3

- Indoor gatherings are limited to 50 people or less.
- Outdoor gatherings are limited to 25-percent capacity.
- Physical distancing requirements are in place for gatherings of all types.
- Long-term care facilities will not be allowed to operate without requiring masks on their premises.
- There will be seating only at bars, restaurants, and nightclubs. Nightclubs can only operate as bars.

Employers should continue to protect at-risk employees by allowing telework or by making special accommodations for these individuals in the workplace.

All individuals and businesses should follow recommended protocols for minimizing transmission of the virus available at Rebound.Idaho.Gov.

Governor Little said the new order does not mean the economy is on lockdown. Idaho's economy will remain open. It does not mean in-person church services

will end. It does not mean travel is restricted in and out of the state.

Governor Little also said the new order does not mean schools should go to full remote learning.

"We put millions of dollars and substantial effort toward the safe operation of schools to ensure they are safe places to learn and work. The state rolled out a Back to School Framework in the sum-

mer, providing local school leaders a blueprint for safe opening. Our students fall too far behind when they're away from their teachers and classmates. We must continue to prioritize safe in-person learning for students across Idaho," Governor Little said.

Governor Little said the eventual shift to a localized approach was the right thing to do but it has not worked as well as it should because the virus is relentless and in some parts of the state there simply have been insufficient efforts by local health boards, mayors, and county commissioners to protect lives.

"I sincerely hope that some people have finally passed the point of thinking the pandemic is not real or not a big deal, or that their personal actions don't really affect anything. We have seen the direct impact between rising case numbers in our communities and the overwhelming impacts on our healthcare system - something that affects all of us, whether we have COVID or not," Governor Little said.



Robert Nichols

Investigation continues into case of missing man

According to a Lewiston Police Department report, as of Wednesday, Oct. 21, Robert Nichols was still missing.

The investigation has confirmed that Nichols left the Seaport building and south parking lot of the Red Lion Hotel in Lewiston on Sept. 25, at approximately 8:24 a.m.

Investigators have obtained statements indicating Nichols was going to be headed back to his residence in Saint Maries on Sept. 25.

It is believed that Nichols used a Company (Cuddy & Associates) gas card at the Liberty Mart located at 226 W. 22nd Street N., on Sept. 25, at 11:04 a.m.

Investigators are hoping someone has seen Nichols or may have information about Nichols that could be helpful in this investigation.

If anyone has information, please contact Detective Brian Erickson or Lieutenant Rick Fuentes at the Lewiston Police Department.

South Grangemont annual road closure begins

Roads accessing the South Grangemont block of state endowment trust land will close to vehicle traffic beginning Wednesday, Nov. 4, but will remain open to ATVs (under 50 inches) and motorcycles.

The area involved is south of the Grangemont Road between Rudo Road and Cow Creek Road. The closure will remain in effect until May 28, the Friday before Memorial weekend.

This is an annual closure by Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) in cooperation with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and is designed to reduce erosion and sedimentation, minimize road maintenance expenses, and minimize wildlife disturbance.

The public is urged to help protect this area by reporting violations or suspected violations to the appropriate wildlife conservation officer.

For questions or concerns, please contact the IDL office in Orofino at (208) 476-4587.

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