

THINK WILD: New facility is a product of a love for animals

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help it to get better,” Payton said.

Payton and her mom kept hauling injured and sick animals from the La Pine countryside to the facility, and stayed to pitch in and do laundry, and mix bird food two days a week. It’s a little over 24 miles from her house to the facility one way. It wasn’t uncommon for her and her mom to make that 24-mile run in the middle of the night when someone delivered a sick or injured bird to the Johnston’s home.

Then, in 2017, Payton started her injured wildlife hotline. She also began making special shoe-box sized shipping containers she used to transport her injured birds and other animals to the clinic.

Payton said, “I don’t like spiders, but everything else is OK” — and “everything else” includes song birds, porcupines, rabbits, skunks, ducks and just about any wild animal she could get into the family car to haul to the clinic in faraway Bend.

When the previous facility folded up, Payton discovered Elise Wolf’s Native Bird Care rehabilitation clinic in Sisters, and made arrangements to meet Elise in Bend to deliver sick or injured birds.

Now Payton shares tips about what’s going on in the injured wildlife world via the Think Wild website: <https://www.thinkwildco.org/paytons-wildlife-tips>

Executive Director Michelle van Hilten stated that, “We have a part-time volunteer wildlife veterinary technician, and 10 certified veterinary technicians who will be doing volunteer rotations throughout the week.

“We will be in regular communication with ODFW



Reece Mercer and Payton Johnston practicing anesthesia on a toy hawk under the watchful eye of Max Lipman.

(Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife) and USFW (U.S. Fish and Wildlife), submitting monthly updates on the patients and impacts we are seeing around our community. We will be supporting the wildlife rehab community in filling gaps for wildlife care and working collaboratively with these specialists, and are providing support for the rehab community and the general public through our wildlife hotline, which is currently operational seven days a week.”

A big part of Think Wild’s mission is education outreach for students as well as being a liaison to the community on conservation issues facing wildlife. They plan to be available for K-12 schools and educational facilities throughout Central Oregon in the future.

Think Wild encourages community support to help build a series of outdoor enclosures designed to rehabilitate and condition patients for successful release back into the wild. Anyone can

support an enclosure through various levels of sponsorship — more details are available on the website at www.thinkwildco.org.

The wildlife hospital, located at the northeast corner of Neff and Erickson roads in Bend, is not open to the public and the staff asks that anyone needing to bring in an injured animal call the wildlife hotline first: 541-241-8680, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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AUG 28 WED
Food Cart Garden at Eurosports Trivia Night 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sign up by 6:15 p.m. For additional information call Eurosports at 541-549-2471. 


Sisters Saloon Poker Night 7 p.m. Every Wednesday! \$20. For information call 541-549-7427 or go to sisterssaloon.net. 

AUG 29 THUR
Cork Cellars Tasty Thursday Hosted Wine Tasting 5 to 7 p.m. For additional information call 541-549-2675 or go online to corkcellarswinebistro.com. 


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Sisters Saloon Karaoke Night 9 p.m. to midnight. Every Thursday, no cover! For additional information call 541-549-7427 or go to sisterssaloon.net. 

AUG 30 FRI
Food Cart Garden at Eurosports Live Music with Juju Eyeball 5 to 7 p.m. Beatles tribute. Dogs, children & adults all welcome! For information call Eurosports at 541-549-2471. 

Angeline's Live Music with Brent Alan & His Funky Friends 7 p.m. Summer music in the backyard. \$5 cover. For additional information call 541-549-9122. 

The Suttle Lodge & Boathouse Live Music with Alex Crowson & Jeffrey Silverstein 6 to 8 p.m. Big Lawn Music series with food & beverages for purchase. For additional info call 541-638-7001 or go to thesuttlelodge.com. 


Paulina Springs Books Author Presentation with Tom Sims 6:30 p.m. The author will present from his book, "On Call in the Arctic." For more info call 541-549-0866 or go to paulinasprings.com. 


Deschutes Historical Museum, Bend The Little Woody Barrel-Aged Beer, Cider & Whiskey Festival 5 to 10 p.m. Tickets & info at thelittlewoody.com. 


Hardtails Bar & Grill KJ Annie Rawkstar Karaoke Night! 9 p.m. Every Friday, no cover! For additional information call 541-549-6114 or go to hardtailsoregon.com. 

AUG 31 SAT
Deschutes Historical Museum, Bend The Little Woody Barrel-Aged Beer, Cider & Whiskey Festival noon to 10 p.m. Tickets & info at thelittlewoody.com. 

Oak & Main, Sisters Fall Street Festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring arts, crafts, antiques, food, beer garden and entertainment. For info call 541-420-0279 or go to centraloregonshows.com. 

Chops Bistro Live Music with Bob Baker & Mark Barringer 6 to 8 p.m. Fundraising performance to support Mark's fight against cancer. \$20 suggested donation at door. For additional information call 541-549-6015. 

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Cork Cellars Live Music with Gabriel 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. No cover! For information call 541-549-2675 or go online to corkcellarswinebistro.com. 

Hardtails Bar & Grill KJ Annie Rawkstar Karaoke Night! 9 p.m. Every Saturday, no cover! For additional information call 541-549-6114 or go to hardtailsoregon.com. 

SEPT 1 SUN
Fir Street Park Sisters Farmers Market 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Every Sunday: fresh local produce, lunch, live music, & yoga. Call 503-997-0301 or go to sistersfarmersmarket.com. 

Oak & Main, Sisters Fall Street Festival 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring arts, crafts, antiques, food, beer garden and entertainment. For info call 541-420-0279 or go to centraloregonshows.com. 

Sisters Saloon Open Mic Night 9 to 11 p.m. For additional information call 541-549-7427 or go to sisterssaloon.net. 

SEPT 2 MON
Paulina Springs Books Music, Storytelling & Poetry Open Mic 6 p.m. First Monday of every month. For information call 541-549-0866. 

SEPT 3 TUES
Sisters Saloon Trivia Night 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sign-up is at 6:15 p.m. Free, every Tuesday! For additional information call 541-549-7427 or go to sisterssaloon.net. 

SEPT 4 WED
Sisters Saloon Poker Night 7 p.m. Every Wednesday! \$20. For information call 541-549-7427 or go to sisterssaloon.net. 

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