

AUTHOR: Dinner offers chance to break bread with writers

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writers before me, anyone who was rooted to a particular ground,” he said. “When asked why he wrote specifically of Dublin, James Joyce said, ‘because if I can get to the heart of Dublin I can get to the heart of all the cities of the world.’ It’s what Eudora Welty meant by, ‘One place understood helps us to understand all places better.’

“At the end of the day, as an artist, you’re trying to do two things: elicit some sort of emotional response and illuminate some aspect of the human condition. As humans, for all the time we spend trying to search out our differences, I’m constantly struck and awed by how similar the experiences are that hold us together.”

Lane Jacobson, owner of Paulina Springs Books in Sisters and an organizer of the Sisters Festival of Books, became friends with Joy when he managed an independent bookstore in North Carolina.

“Anyone who knows or follows me understands that I’m a huge advocate of independent bookstores and the booksellers who make those places something so special,” Joy told *The Nugget*. “So there’s one in Chapel Hill, North Carolina called Flyleaf that I’ve visited on every book tour. During that time, I’ve gotten to know and love a lot of those booksellers. One in particular, though, became a good friend and that’s Lane Jacobson. Unfortunately the Old North State has lost one of its greatest booksellers to Oregon, but lucky for y’all he’s running one of your local Indies now. When he told me he was leaving we made a plan to get me out there. Somehow or another, he found a way to make it happen and I’m overwhelmingly grateful.”

As the blog *Hillbilly Highways* points out, Joy’s “The Line That Held Us” is a book about choices. The choice that Darl makes to



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David Joy’s Appalachian noir has won him international acclaim. He will be featured at the Sisters Festival of Books on October 19.

hunt on private land while the owner is out of town. The choice he makes to shoot at what he thinks is a feral hog. The choice he makes to pull his best friend Calvin into things when he discovers that it was a person, not a hog, he shot. The choices that man’s brother, Dwayne, makes in reaction to his brother’s killing...”

Those choices are doom-laden and feel inexorable. The propulsive nature of Joy’s storytelling and the compulsive actions of his characters reflect the compulsion Joy feels as a creator.

“Honestly, I feel like that compulsion is absolutely inexplicable. I don’t know why stories come to me,” he said. “Maybe it’s a desire to better understand the world, to feel out what it means to be human. What I do know is that it’s an inignorable feeling. It feels almost terminal, like if I don’t get the words out then it’ll be the end of me.”

Joy’s passion for his writing is matched by a passion for rugged landscapes and fly-fishing waters. He is the author of the memoir “Growing Gills: A Fly Fisherman’s Journey.”

The Nugget asked if he was going to get some fishing in during his trip to Sisters Country, and he replied:

“Well, by god, if somebody will take me! At the very least I’d love someone to take me out in the woods and show me the landscape.

That’s my greatest joy.”

David Joy is one of six featured authors who will attend an author’s dinner on Saturday, October 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The three-course meal prepared by Depot Café will be served at Paulina Springs Books and will feature dining with six of the festival’s authors — Joy, Kim Stafford, Joe Wilkins, Kelli Estes, Meaghan O’Connell and Megan Griswold.

There are a few \$100 tickets still available for that event, which includes the choice of one book from one of the authors.

Tickets and more information about the Sisters Festival of Books are available at www.sistersfob.com

Temporary ban on some vaping products in Ore.

By Andrew Selsky
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SALEM (AP) — Oregon’s governor ordered a temporary ban Friday on the sale of flavored vaping products amid an outbreak that has sickened more than 1,000 people nationwide—and killed two in Oregon.

Several other states, including Washington, New York, Michigan and Rhode Island, have also imposed temporary bans.

The illnesses first appeared in March, with symptoms including shortness of breath, fatigue and chest pain. Most who got sick said they vaped products containing THC, the marijuana ingredient that causes a high, but some said they vaped only nicotine.

Gov. Kate Brown’s order imposes a 180-day ban on all flavored vaping products and on the sale of other sources or additives as they are identified in cases of vaping-related lung injuries or deaths.

“The safest option for Oregonians right now is to not use vaping products of any kind. Until we know more about what is causing this illness, please, do not

vape,” Brown said.

The Oregon Health Authority had asked Brown for a six-month ban on sale and display of all vaping products, including tobacco, nicotine and cannabis. The agency also urged Oregonians to stop using all vaping products until federal and state officials have determined the cause of the illnesses.

The Oregon Retailers of Cannabis Association said it was very grateful the governor did not implement a complete ban on cannabis vaping products, like Massachusetts did. The group told its members that technical questions and issues need to be worked out and that it will try to “ensure the government acts responsibly and makes evidenced-based decisions that do not needlessly harm the legal cannabis industry.”

Brown also called on state agencies to develop plans within 90 days for consumer warnings, product testing, and disclosure of the ingredients of vaping products. Brown also directed state agencies to develop proposals for long-term solutions for consideration by the Legislature, which convenes early next year.

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