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## Drug trafficking bust made on Cascade Avenue

Detectives assigned to the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement (CODE) team arrested two Prineville residents in Sisters on Tuesday, March 31, as the result of a long-term investigation by the CODE team into the illegal trafficking of commercial quantities of methamphetamine into Central Oregon.

Detectives assisted by the Deschutes County Sheriff's Department contacted and

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## Volunteers rally to sew homemade face masks

By Jodi Schneider  
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Last week, a respected scientific panel told the White House that research now shows that the coronavirus can be spread by talking, or possibly even just breathing.

According to a federal official, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has been preparing to recommend that everyone wear homemade

face coverings in public settings, like pharmacies and grocery stores, to avoid spreading the virus.

Public health officials have continued to stress that N95 masks and surgical masks should be saved for frontline doctors and nurses, who have been in dire need of protective gear.

With a whole lot of heart in the effort, seamstresses

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## Sisters students will learn from a distance

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In a school district like Sisters, which is continually striving to keep students feeling engaged, prepared and connected, the "Distance Learning for All" mandate from Governor Kate Brown's office has local teachers and administrators working hard to make the best of a very difficult situation.

The mandate comes out of the "Stay At Home, Save Lives" executive order the governor issued last month.

In a letter to the community published April 2, Superintendent Curt Scholl said that on April 6, when teachers got back on the job after spring break, "We intend to immediately start reaching out to our students and

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## Birdwatching comforts during pandemic

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With the world on lockdown, public spaces closed, and only so many episodes of "Outlander" to keep us entertained, we've got little left but to stare out our windows. The optimistic isolationist will find a whole amazing world of wildlife out there, enough to keep us busy until this is all over. It's time to become a backyard birder.

Birding is a perfect hobby for the quarantined. It's a fun activity you can do from home in your own backyard. It requires little more than eyes and ears, some open sky, and maybe a few ponderosa pine or juniper trees where you can spot many species of birds. You can be an active participant by having a feeder or building bird boxes, or you can just watch the action unfold.

It helps to have some binoculars, because birds are small and far away and because getting a closer view greatly enhances your appreciation of their beauty and behavior. Birds are loudest and most active — and so are easiest to see — in the mornings. Birds spend most of the rest of the day feeding on and off, so if you've got feeders in your backyard, you're

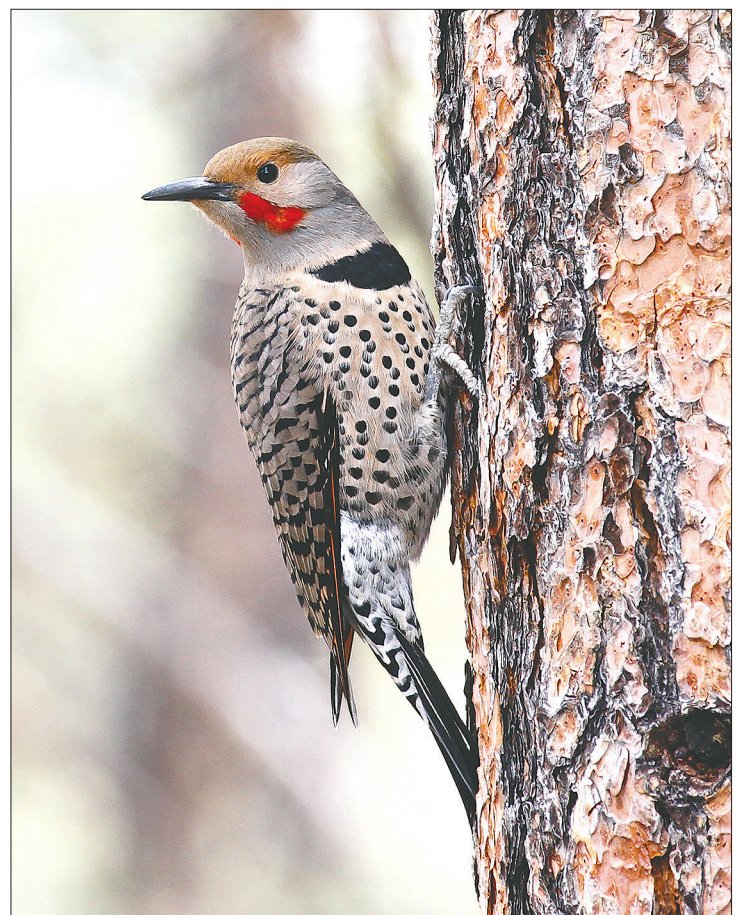


PHOTO BY JODI SCHNEIDER

An end-of-March flicker in a Sisters-area backyard.

good all day long.

Between 50 and 60 million Americans list birdwatching as a hobby. To start, all you need is a bird feeder.

For safety and comfort, position feeders near a tree or bush at least 15 feet from windows. An unmarked window looks like an escape

route. They won't see the glass. Products like Window Alert, a decal that reflects ultraviolet rays that birds see but humans don't, can prevent a crash.

Central Oregon is part of the Pacific Flyway, the See **BIRDWATCHING** on page 22

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