

Commentary... Feeding Sisters

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I am prouder than ever to be a veggie farmer in Sisters.

Resilience and the strength of our community will surely come to shine in the next few months. Everyone has been playing critical roles and it is in these times when newfound strengths and “silver linings” emerge. One silver lining I want to shed light upon is the growth of interconnectivity between our local food system and community. Feeling more vulnerable during these uncertain times, more people have been turning to our farmers for the most basic of needs: food. You can be assured that Seed to Table Farm, along with many other local farmers, is here for you and your family.

Oh, how I do wish the fields were overflowing with sweet greens at this very moment. But now more than ever, we need something lovely to look forward to; Central Oregon grown veggies are on their way! Seed to Table is certainly missing having students on the farm.

Currently we are crafting lessons that all students can participate in from home! Our team has jumped into action and we are developing emergency food relief programs and we will be overflowing with even more fresh produce! Our staff is more focused and determined than ever. As we navigate the changing climate of COVID-19 we will continue to adjust. National, regional and local resources are helping increase our already diligent food safety program. Local farmers are certain we can provide you with safe, organic and nutrient dense produce. The heart of our farm is

stronger than ever.

Your local farmers have been here for you, learning how to thrive in this harsh climate and we are here for you now. The power and importance of our local food system has never been more apparent. Personally, the more local a product and store, the safer and more reassured I feel. A familiar face of someone who cares about the health of my family and business. A product where I know about the production chain. To me, Sisters has always done “local” great, and with this crisis we will make it even stronger. I am filled with gratitude for the cultivation of community support we have been growing for years. During these times of hardships and feelings of vulnerability, Seed to Table’s team (along with many other local farmers) is joining in the cause to assure that we can keep being as local as possible. We are inspired to feed our neighbors (with a wave through the car window) and our skills gained from past seasons are helping us get through these April snowstorms!

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technology to unravel the mystery of an ancient book cult.

“Think I’ll read it again slowly, just to savor the writing.”

Nugget Editor in Chief Jim Cornelius has already made his call for Novel of the Year for 2020: “Pride of Eden” by Taylor Brown.

“It doesn’t take a virus to make me want to hole up with this book,” Cornelius says. “Taylor Brown is a badass. He’s as good as they come. I devoured his ‘River of Kings’ in great bloody chunks, and I’ve done the same with his new one.”

Here’s the caper:

Retired racehorse jockey and Vietnam veteran Anse Caulfield rescues exotic big cats, elephants, and other creatures for Little Eden, a wildlife sanctuary near the abandoned ruins of a failed development on the Georgia coast. But when Anse’s prized lion escapes, he becomes obsessed with replacing her even if the means of rescue aren’t exactly legal.

Anse is joined by Malaya, a former soldier who hunted

rhino and elephant poachers in Africa; Lope, whose training in falconry taught him to pilot surveillance drones; and Tyler, a veterinarian who has found a place in Anse’s obsessive world.

From the rhino wars of Africa to the battle for the Baghdad Zoo, from the edges of the Okefenokee Swamp to a remote private island off the Georgia coast, Anse and his team battle an underworld of smugglers, gamblers, breeders, trophy hunters, and others who exploit exotic game.

“If you’re a podcast listener and love history as I do, check out Black Barrel Media’s Legends of the Old West and Infamous America podcasts (<https://blackbarrelmedia.com>). They’re very well-researched and skillfully and dramatically told stories of outlaws, witch trials, feuds and the wild and weird characters that made America.”

DRUG BUST: Nearly two pounds of meth seized

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arrested Shannon Ritchie, 48, and Kristin Loranger, 39, at the intersection of East Cascade Avenue and North Fir Street at about 11 p.m. Both were contacted during a traffic stop of a silver Honda CRV in which Loranger was the driver and Ritchie was the passenger.

The CODE Team reported that during a search of the vehicle at the time of the stop, approximately 1.8 pounds of methamphetamine was located concealed within the vehicle, along with other evidence of the sales and distribution of methamphetamine.

Ritchie and Loranger were transported to the Deschutes County Adult Jail on charges of possession and distribution of a controlled substance.

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