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## Action Teams step up to help seniors

Age Friendly Sisters Country (AFSC) "Action Teams" received a \$5,000 grant from The Ford Family Foundation (TFFF) to focus on their COVID-19 response.

The grant will be split between the STARS "Action Team" and the newly formed Linked Villages — Sisters "Action Team."

Launched March 1, the Sisters Transportation and Ride Share (STARS) provides a free, all-volunteer ride-share service for round-trip transportation for non-emergency medical appointments in

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A noble visage...



PHOTO BY CEILI CORNELIUS

A golden eagle had a successful hunt in Sisters on Monday, taking advantage of a newly-mown meadow.

## Candidates vie for sheriff's office

Jim Cornelius  
Editor in Chief

Two candidates are vying for the office of Deschutes County Sheriff. As the only two candidates filed, they will bypass the May 19 primary election and face off in November.

Bend Police Officer Scott Schaier is challenging incumbent Sheriff Shane Nelson for the position that Nelson has held since being appointed by the Deschutes County Commissioners in 2015 and then elected by

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## Adaptability, patience, for new teaching model

By Charlie Kanzig  
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Teachers and students across Oregon are adjusting to a new way of doing school as the "Distance Learning for All" is being rolled out.

Here in Sisters, creativity, flexibility, and learning new approaches to teaching through technology are abundant.

Distance teaching looks a bit different depending on the grade level and subject matter, but a common theme runs throughout: adaptability, patience, and humor are required.

Sisters High School art teacher Bethany Gunnarson explained that firing up "distance" art required a ton of preparation up front, but seems to be working out so far.

"Last week, after calling students individually as a part of the district-wide effort to contact each family on the phone, I was working to get a survey out to all my classes to get a pulse of what was possible from home,"

she said. "I found that most students were willing and able to continue their curriculum/projects at home if I could get materials to them, so that was the next thing I did."

"All day Friday (April 10) I was running from the art room to the curb to hand-off materials for students for the remainder of the term. I literally was hustling from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and felt dead tired by the end," she said.

She elected to forgo live classes in place of videos of herself outlining expectations for each week.

"My philosophy as of Day 4 is that their art classes should be the ones that they use as stress-relief around their other classes, choosing the time of the day that works best for them, not in the 30 minute window that our classes are pared down to," she said.

At the other end of the educational spectrum, first-grade teacher Annie Reid admits it has been a bumpy

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## Drive-through testing at St. Charles

St. Charles Health System is now offering a drive-through specimen collection service for COVID-19 testing outside of the St. Charles Family Care clinic at 2600 NE Neff Rd. in Bend.

Those taking advantage of this service must have a provider's order and call 541-699-5107 to schedule an appointment. The ordering provider does not have to be employed by or affiliated with St. Charles.

Individuals who do not have a provider's order will be referred to their primary care provider, or to an Immediate Care or Urgent Care clinic for evaluation.

Initially, the drive-through will be open weekdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Upon arrival, individuals will participate in a quick registration process, after which a specimen will be collected. All specimens will be sent to the University of Washington for testing, and results should be available within two to four business days.

To use this service, individuals should enter the St. Charles Bend campus from Neff Road and follow the signage on Medical Center Drive



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St. Charles in Bend has increased its COVID-19 testing capacity.

to the drive-through entrance.

In addition to offering drive-through specimen collection, St. Charles Bend is now also able to provide rapid on-site COVID-19 testing for eligible patients who are hospitalized. The health system received its first allotment of 120 test kits Friday, allowing its Bend laboratory to begin

performing COVID-19 tests on its Cepheid platform on Saturday. The health system is expecting a second shipment of 890 test kits within the next two weeks. Once that shipment is received, the health system expects to expand rapid on-site testing to its hospital laboratories in Madras, Prineville and Redmond.