

Timeline of significant Sisters events in COVID-19 response

- March 8: Governor Kate Brown declared a state of emergency due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in Oregon (Executive Order No. 20-03).
- March 16: City Manager Cory Misley signed Administrative Order 2020-01 declaring a state of emergency related to the COVID-19.
- March 16: The City closed City Hall to the public and shifted staff into a telecommuting/staggered scheduling; canceled until further notice all advisory committee meetings; adjusted all Council meetings to over the phone; and, established that water shutoffs would not be enforced.
- March 24: The City communicated that open spaces in City parks will remain open as well as public restrooms in those locations subject to social distancing of six feet minimum; that Creekside Campground would not open in April as normal and would be closed until further notice; and, that the Cliff Clemens Park play structure and Barclay Park restrooms were closed to public access.
- March 25: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-06 declaring a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and authorizing the city manager to take actions necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City and City's citizens.
- March 26: The City closed the Sisters Recycle Center after discussion with Republic Services concluding that curbside garbage, recycling, and yard debris collection would continue as normal (with some exceptions for large pickups) and Deschutes County would keep open their Northwest Transfer Station & Recycling Center (located on Fryrear Road).
- April 14: City Manager Cory Misley signed Administrative Order No. 2020-02 extending the COVID-19 state of emergency declaration until May 13th (the first Council meeting date in May).
- April 14: City Manager Cory Misley signed Administrative Order No. 2020-03 discouraging tourist travel and related activities to Sisters except for permitted essential travel effective until May 13.
- Sisters Country public partners (Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District, City of Sisters, Sisters School District, Sisters Park & Recreation District, and Sisters Ranger Station) have been meeting on a weekly basis.
- Organized by the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Special Services Unit, regional public partners have been meeting on a weekly basis predominantly organized around the health emergency and response.
- Organized by the State's Central Oregon Regional Solutions Center, cities, counties, and chambers have been meeting weekly to hear updates from the State and provide some input.
- Starting the week of April 25, the State began sharing draft information regarding Phase 1 re-opening. The County is taking this information and working towards creating a "COVID-19 Recovery Framework" to present to the State for re-opening.
- On May 13, the City Council will be discussing the steps the City has taken to this point and evaluating which measures to extend.
- City Manager Cory Misley states: "When in doubt, please call the City and we will do our best to direct you to the appropriate resource of information."
- Steps that the City has taken during the COVID-19 pandemic and other resources can be found at: <https://www.ci.sisters.or.us/administration/page/coronavirus-information-and-resources>.

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Obituary

Elmer (Moe) L. Kleinke, Jr.

November 18, 1929 – April 12, 2020

Elmer (Moe) L. Kleinke, Jr., age 90, passed peacefully in his home in Sisters, on April 12, with his family by his side.

He was born in Portland on November 18, 1929 to Elmer and Inez (Price) Kleinke. Elmer grew up in Salem, graduating from Salem High School, Class of 1947. After a short time at Oregon State College, he entered the U.S. Navy, stationed at Sandia Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he married his high school sweetheart, Patricia Dell Carver, before serving his country on the USS Coral Sea during the Korean War.

After his honorable discharge from the Navy, the pull to return to Oregon brought them to Portland where he began his 29-year career with the Bell System. Moe, to most of his family and friends, worked in marketing, public relations and was the employment manager for Pacific NW Bell for the State of Oregon for a number of years.

Work was always his hobby, besides spending time with family, friends, and many pets over the years,

taking numerous road trips.

Moving to Central Oregon had been a dream and when Patricia, his wife of 65 years passed away, he joined his daughter Jan and husband Henry Failing, becoming a devoted member of the Sisters community. He made fast friends joining the local chapter of Band of Brothers and the American Legion. He also enjoyed his senior exercise class at Sisters Park & Recreation District, where they would save his chair, waiting for him to return.

He could be found having breakfast with his cronies on Saturdays around Sisters.

If Moe called you friend, you were a friend for life.

Moe was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia; youngest daughter, Beth Angela; and his parents.

He is survived by his daughters and son-in-laws Brenda and Tom Kneeshaw of Colfax, Washington, and Jan and Henry Failing of Sisters; his sidekick, Bandit; sister-in-law Sharon Carver



of Portland; and numerous cousins, including first cousin Joan Wood of Sisters; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; nieces & nephews; and dearly loved friends.

The family wishes to thank his St. Charles Oncology and Hospice team for all their care and support.

A celebration of Moe's life will be announced at a later date due to the constraints of social distancing during this difficult time. His remains have been interred at Willamette National Cemetery with Patricia.

In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to Humane Society of Central Oregon, 61170 SE 27th St., Bend, OR 97702.

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