

FESTIVAL: Organization promises some live music this summer

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look like for the Sisters Folk Festival, including requiring face coverings, lowering overall venue capacities to allow for social distancing, eliminating indoor venues and increased sanitation measures.

Even with those modifications in place, there is no guarantee that statewide restrictions won't be reimposed if there is a significant increase in COVID-19 cases in Oregon over the next weeks and months.

"Lots of our people travel here from outside of the area, including the performing artists. They need to know, with certainty, what is happening with the festival this fall," said SFF executive director Crista Munro. "Unfortunately, certainty is something that no one can provide right now. We know that this news is very disappointing, and we had hoped to not have to deliver it, but the well-being of our entire community is our primary concern. It's clear that no matter how much we want to have a festival this September, the scientific and medical community doesn't yet understand enough about how this disease is spread for us to safely bring a lot of people together with confidence.

"We don't even know for sure what phase of opening our state will be in four months from now; it all depends on how these first few weeks of re-opening go. I think people will understand that we held off on making this call for as long as we could, hoping for a

breakthrough that would allow us to proceed with the festival."

Creative Director Brad Tisdell added, "Each year we carefully curate a festival lineup that includes musical and cultural diversity. With 40-plus musical acts coming from all over the country and world, it's clear we can't make the 2020 festival happen as planned. I'm currently working with agents and artists to bring this lineup to next year's festival, with all the collaboration and musical alchemy coming together to create an extraordinary experience. We look forward to celebrating it with you in 2021 and thank you for your support and belief in Sisters Folk Festival."

Munro told *The Nugget* that the Festival is working on plans to provide live music on a small scale in a way that conforms to guidelines for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19. Last month, the Festival sent out the Sisters Folk Festival Bandwagon, featuring local musicians touring local neighborhoods while playing music on a flatbed trailer towed by a truck. Plans will be announced as they are firmed up.

Sisters Folk Festival is still planning to have some type of event over the September 11-13 weekend, most likely a livestreamed program with a small live audience if state guidelines allow it.

Tickets to this year's festival will be automatically rolled over to the 2021 event, unless the purchaser elects to get a festival loyalty package; to donate their ticket purchase price to Sisters Folk Festival, a nonprofit organization; or requests a refund by June 30. For more information visit www.sistersfolkfestival.org.

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"It was great being open but a little scary," Rickards said. "We value our community so much and are trying to be so careful. We were learning the guidelines and wanted to keep people safe."

She added, "We are just beginning to see our regulars coming back, and they have been hugely supportive. We feel fortunate that we have the extra spaces to expand outside at this time of year. Our biggest goal right now is how to care for our community whether it's take out or dine in. What we are planning is a take-out menu for those who still don't feel safe dining out."

For the month of June, The Open Door will be open Wednesday through Saturday,

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— Julia Rickards

with a slightly smaller menu with all the favorites.

As the gradual reopening of the county's dine-in services rolled in on May 15, some restaurant employees and managers expressed concerns about patron complaints regarding restrictions.

The Gallery restaurant employee Tammy Kirshner said that some guests are frustrated having to wait a little longer to get seated.

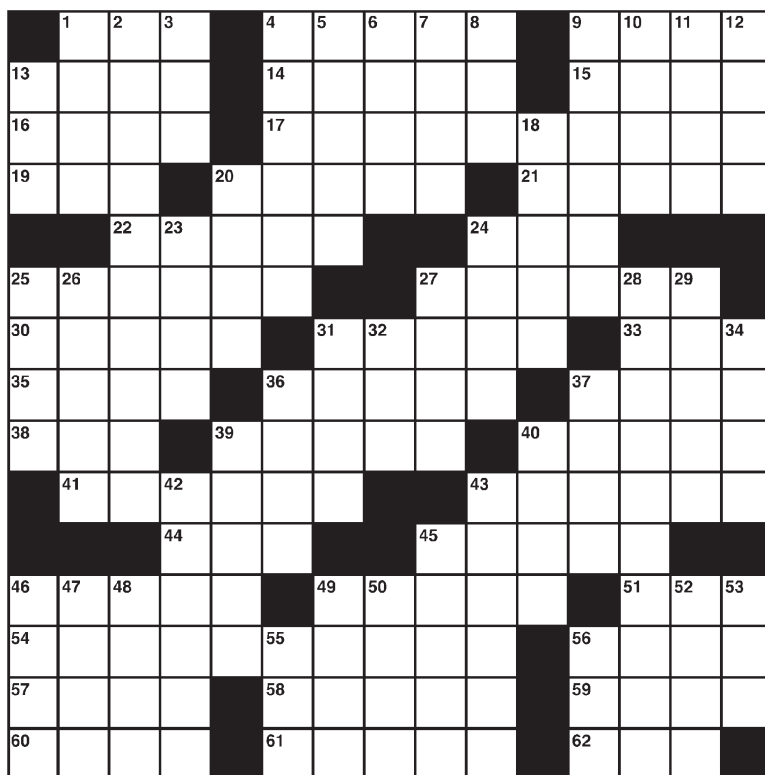
"They have to wait until

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The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 At present
 - 4 Went public with
 - 9 Carve in glass
 - 13 Short note
 - 14 Unrefined oil
 - 15 Song for one
 - 16 Wyman or Seymour
 - 17 Disastrous
 - 19 When to yell "TGIF!": abbr.
 - 20 Tribal pole
 - 21 Hotel employee
 - 22 Church topper
 - 24 Study of plant life: abbr.
 - 25 Hallowed
 - 27 Soup container
 - 30 Señora's sayonara
 - 31 Tastelessly showy
 - 33 Goalie's place
 - 35 Took part in a contest
 - 36 Sage & thyme
 - 37 File drawer, perhaps
 - 38 Ending for an adolescent's age
 - 39 Despises
 - 40 Oyster gem
 - 41 Says out loud
 - 43 1 of 10 sent to Egypt in Exodus
 - 44 "___ I but known..."
 - 45 Fry in a little oil
 - 46 Useful attribute
 - 49 Object; article
 - 51 Speedometer letters
 - 54 Not speaking clearly
 - 56 Actor Bridges
 - 57 Fibber
 - 58 Funeral hymn
 - 59 ___ or twice; rarely
 - 60 Active; nimble
 - 61 Drive too fast
 - 62 Snacked



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- DOWN**
- 1 Close by
 - 2 All-knowing
 - 3 Misery
 - 4 Honda sedan
 - 5 More than annoyed
 - 6 ___ the roost; have authority
 - 7 Red-coated cheese
 - 8 Wilson or Obama: abbr.
 - 9 Ritzy residence
 - 10 Gift for a handyman
 - 11 Detective's lead
 - 12 Party-giver
 - 13 Actor Fox's initials
 - 18 Bar soap brand
 - 20 Suit accessories
 - 23 Incite to action
 - 24 Future flowers
 - 25 ___ face; avoid embarrassment
 - 26 "Bye, Jacques!"
 - 27 Bathroom features
 - 28 Reason to buy a ring
 - 29 India's first Prime Minister
 - 31 ___ it; understands
 - 32 "Diamonds ___ Forever"; 007 film
 - 34 Floor covering

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- 36 Like rocket science
- 37 Amazing act
- 39 Ledger, for one
- 40 Sink stopper
- 42 TV's "The Big Bang ___"
- 43 Breathed heavily
- 45 Burn slightly
- 46 Isn't well
- 47 Quick cut
- 48 Lasting mark
- 49 Stumble
- 50 "I'm outta ___!"; quick farewell
- 52 Walk back & forth
- 53 Green or gray
- 55 Begley & McMahon
- 56 Deadly squeezer

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