

# Sisters artist lands magazine covers

Jill Neal, who's "wild, tasteful women" have become iconic images, landed them on the cover of two magazines in June.

The Sisters artist's celebratory women grace the cover of the June issue of *Pink* magazine based in the Hamptons, and *Paisley* magazine from St. Simons Island.

The artist has been busy since recently closing her gallery in Sisters and moving strictly into online sales.

Her new "Front line" mug released in June, and has been sent all over the country, including a children's hospital in Dallas. A young woman got several cases to give to all the hospital workers, as her young brother had been there off and

on for several years with heart surgeries, Neal said.

"I've been writing a 'Daily Diva' post to give a lift of sorts to my Facebook friends, and it's starting to go all over the U.S., England, Australia, and who knows where else," Neal said. "It's been such a privilege to know that it has lifted people's spirits during all the trying times we're in — plus it a chance to share my message of empowerment for women, all colors, sizes. In essence 'God made us all so rejoice!' We all need to be celebrated for who we are."

Neal has moved into what she is calling her "art attic" upstairs in the Three Creeks building, and is using it as a fulfillment center.

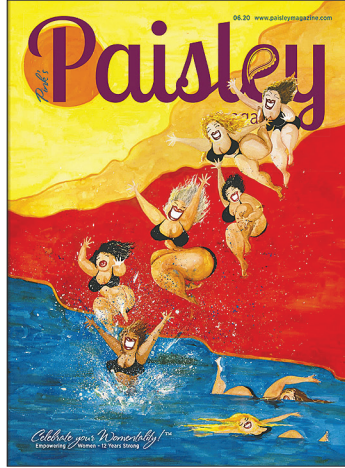


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"I am fortunate to have been able to do so successfully and am very thankful for that!" she said. "I hope to be able to have an open house to celebrate once things open up!"

# Intoxicated hiker rescued

A woman — later found to have been intoxicated — was the focus of an extended rescue mission on Broken Top last weekend.

On Saturday, June 20 around 7:10 p.m., Deschutes County Dispatch received a 911 call regarding a hiker, later identified as Chantel Nelson, 34, of Beaverton, who was reportedly hiking near Broken Top mountain and "in trouble." According to Nelson's hiking partners, she was also beginning to lose consciousness and could not continue on her own.

Based on this information, two DCSO deputies and nine Deschutes County Search and Rescue volunteers responded to assist. According to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, one deputy remained in quarters with a volunteer to coordinate the mission while another deputy responded to the scene with the eight other volunteers.

"Based on Nelson's location and the amount of intermittent snowpack on the Forest Service roads in the area, reaching her location proved challenging," the sheriff's office reported. Due to weather and the circumstances of the call, air transport was not an option at that

time. SAR resources drove up Bearwallow Road in trucks towing two off-road vehicles.

The deputy and volunteers then deployed up Forest Service Road 370 to the 380 Road. Due to the amount of snow, these roads were later determined to be impassable for one of the off-road vehicles, resulting in some SAR volunteers having to hike in on foot.

SAR volunteers first reached Nelson around 12:40 a.m. and began tending to her. Nelson was able to walk down the mountain with the assistance of the volunteers. Nelson walked to the Broken Top Trailhead where a DCSO SAR vehicle was waiting. Nelson was then transported to the SAR and then provided

transport into Bend at her request. Nelson declined further medical assistance at that time. DCSO resources returned to quarters at approximately 7 a.m. the following morning.

Dep. Joshua Westfall, Assistant Search And Rescue Coordinator, reported that, "It was later determined that intoxicants were the primary factor in Nelson's inability to continue down the mountain, requiring her rescue. The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public that consuming intoxicants while recreating in the wilderness can lead to dangerous situations necessitating rescue and potentially putting the recreator and rescuers at risk as a result."

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## COVID-19 Situation Report

By Cory Misley  
City Manager

Over the past week Oregon has seen increasing numbers of positive COVID-19 cases. It seems that is due to both more spread of the virus, including concentrated outbreaks, as well as more testing.

Although this is alarming, Deschutes County has fortunately not mirrored that trend. It cannot be definitively said why exactly fewer positive cases have occurred here. It is likely fair to say that it is as much preparation including social distancing, face coverings, and sanitation, as it is luck and other factors.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic in Oregon began over three months ago, there has been a lot of uncertainty around the virus. One thing that has been known and remains constant is that minimizing the spread and mitigating the risk is largely within our control and can be done with a few relatively simple precautions: social distancing, washing your hands frequently, avoiding touching your face, and wearing a face covering.

Hearing that over and over sounds like a broken

record, but there is wisdom in the expression first we make our habits, then our habits make us.

On June 24, the City Council will consider several resolutions extending policies and programs that were established during and by way of the state of emergency declaration. The declaration occurred back in March and is scheduled to expire June 24. The declaration was critical to act swiftly in the pandemic and the City did that in a multitude of ways over the past months.

Although the City may not be in a declared state of emergency that does not take away from the importance of maintaining precautions and a heightened sense of awareness. We are still in the first wave of COVID-19 and no one can say what the future will bring. We are fortunate to this point and should find renewal in a cautious optimism, while keeping a watchful eye on both what we can and cannot control as we head into summer.

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