



Glimpses of Sisters

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Columnist

As I got into my car the other day to head home from work the warm aroma of homemade bread welcomed me. I'd stopped at Melvin's (AKA Oliver Lemon's, but we all still call it Melvin's) and bought a loaf of Sparrow Bakery sourdough bread which makes *the* best grilled cheese sandwich of all the breads I've tried. The warmth of the afternoon sun had heated the inside of my car sending the lovely aroma wafting through the air.

On my way home I stopped at Sisters Meat and Smokehouse to buy chicken breasts planning to make my famous chicken chili over the weekend. They know me there and always give me free jerky for my three dogs. When they accidentally drop a piece of their fabulous jerky on the floor, they put it into a special container to give customers a tidbit for their dogs.

Over this winter we lost two of our three old dogs. The little guy was a Lhasa Apso. Our little Wilson, the Lhasa was blind and hard of hear hearing. Toward the end of his life we had to walk him in a baby stroller because he couldn't see or keep up with the other two dogs. He loved that stroller. People would comment, "That's the ugliest baby I've ever seen." I'd always say that he took after my husbands' side of the family.

The Smokehouse still gives me jerky for three dogs although we only have one now and she's getting pretty fat. If the Johnsons are reading this, I'm busted on the jerky!

We are so lucky to live in such a small well-connected community. I walk

a few blocks to my neighbors, to buy fresh eggs once a month. One-time Glen had to go out to the coop to get them right out from under the hen! Now, that is fresh. He insisted on washing them because he will not sell eggs with poop on them.

On my trip to Bi-Mart I try to get in the checkout line of my favorite checker, Denise. We used to attend the same Pilates class. As I go through her line with birthday cards and wrapping paper, she reminds me to buy stamps, or the ice cream. If I have wine in my cart she points to the dairy case and says, "better get some cheese to go with that whine!" She's always a ray of sunshine.

I've decided to Feng Shui my kitchen during this mostly stay-at-home time. A trip to Ace Hardware was in order, to pick up paint samples to tape up on the wall for color selection. As I approached the entrance a polite man wearing a mask held the door for me to go in ahead of him. I thanked him and remarked that I also have a mask but it's hanging in my car. He replied, "Well then you're an idiot."

I guess I've been called worse things than an idiot but when I go back to Ace to buy my paint I most definitely will be wearing my mask.

A friend stopped by my business and said he had a surprise for me. I love surprises. He asked me to pick a number between one and eight. I got married on the fifth, so, I picked number five. He said, "congratulations, you get five of the eight puppies my dog just gave birth to!" What a Huckleberry! I told him he could have gotten that dog spayed with the help of Furry Friends, but now there are eight puppies to find homes for!

T-shirts contribute to canceled events

Many summer events may be canceled, but Oliver Lemon's Sisters is making sure that support is not.

Sisters Country's local grocer is selling custom-designed T-shirts to raise funds for the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show and Sisters Folk Festival, both of which were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We'd give the shirts off our backs to help our community," said Lauren Johnson, CEO of Oliver Lemon's. "A T-shirt fundraiser to help the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show and

Sisters Folk Festival is the next best thing."

The T-shirts were designed by local artist Shelli Walters and produced in Central Oregon. The artwork incorporates iconic elements from Sisters events, such as quilts, Western

imagery, and folk elements, alongside Oliver Lemon's signature rooster Oliver, his sidekick chick Ollie, and Newport Market's mascot Viris (Violet + Iris = Viris).

T-shirts are \$20 each and available at Oliver Lemon's in Sisters and online at www.oliverlemons.com. One hundred percent of profits from the sale of the T-shirts will be shared equally between Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show and Sisters Folk Festival.

For more information contact the store at 541-549-0711.

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Indian Head Casino reopens

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs reopened Indian Head Casino on Thursday June 18.

"We are very excited to open and with the amount of phone calls we receive on a daily basis from our guests, we know they are looking forward to our opening too," said Belinda Chavez, Director of Marketing for Indian Head Gaming last week. "We are committed to following the CDC's guidelines and we have implemented safety and sanitation measures in addition to limiting our occupancy to 250 total guests."

The casino will open with new operating hours of 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. All guests will be required to enter the casino through the doors on the east side of the building, which is the entrance to Cottonwood restaurant. Facemasks will be required for all guests and employees, as well as a touchless temperature check before entering the building.

At least initially, the entire property at Indian Head Casino will be non-smoking. Plexiglass shields and social distancing markers have been installed in high-traffic areas such as the Players Club, cashier booths, and the check-out counter at the Tule Grill. In addition to new cleaning procedures, the casino will provide multiple hand-sanitizing stations on the casino floor. The slot

machines will be open and ready for play. Table games will open on a later date. All restaurants at Indian Head Casino will be open for take-out and the Cottonwood restaurant will offer curbside delivery.

Indian Head Casino voluntarily closed on March 18 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and continued to stay closed for nearly three months.

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