

CITY OF SISTERS

COVID-19 Situation Report

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City Manager

The City of Sisters continues to support the efforts implemented by the state to curb the spread of COVID-19. We understand the divisiveness some of these efforts have caused through a political lens. The City is apolitical and works to provide the highest-level of service to our community through evidenced-based public policymaking.

The City works strategically to balance top priorities and goals like *livability, public safety, and economic development*, and that balance has taken new forms over the previous four months. Working collaboratively with local, county, state, and federal partners has been elevated to a degree unseen previously by the City while managing through this pandemic.

Although we have exercised many powers, adjusted policies, shifted staff time, and amended our budget to react and respond to COVID-19, we also have been reminded of our limitations and constraints as a small municipality. We have explored countless ideas week-by-week, setting some aside as impractical, yet ultimately implementing numerous pragmatic and achievable strategies.

The City continues to

work in lockstep with the broader Central Oregon region regarding tourism and visitors. The City is not encouraging or discouraging tourism. The Destination Marketing Organizations (DMOs) in the region — including the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce — have coordinated to reduce tourism marketing while increasing awareness of COVID-19 safety measures.

Clearly there have been many visitors in Sisters this summer and that does not appear to be slowing. This is due to a variety of factors, including the successes of many decades of putting Sisters on the map as a tourist destination especially during the summer. Again, as we have said since the spring, ensuring public safety is the top priority and how to do that while supporting local businesses — finding as safe, prosperous of a balance as possible.

The requirements in place right now pale in comparison to moving backwards to stay-at-home orders and business closures. Overall, our business community has stepped up and worked through the first four months of this pandemic. However, this is a marathon that must be embraced or risk grave consequences to our health, prosperity, and cohesion.

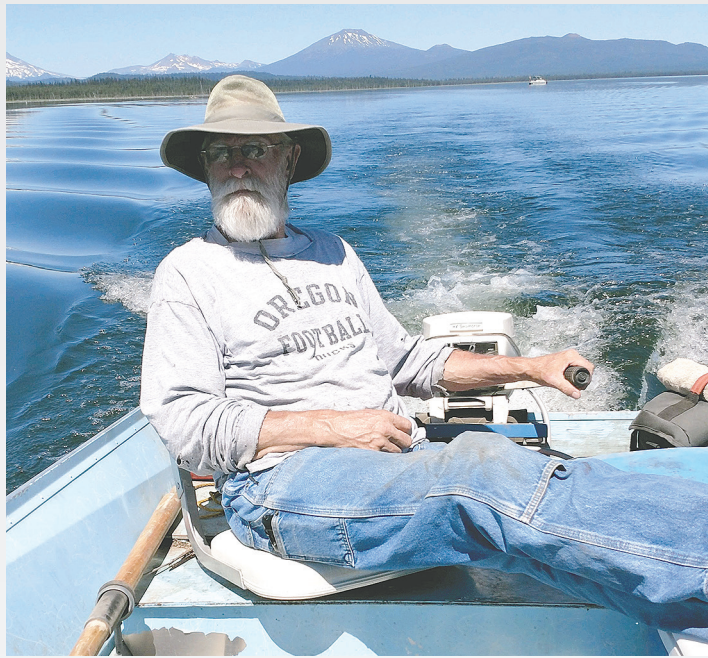
We must continue to rise to the challenge together.

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Obituary

Randall “Randy” W. Burdick

November 26, 1952 – July 7, 2020



“The Burd”

Randy Burdick passed away July 7, after battling cancer. He was born in Englewood, California. He was preceded in death by his mom and dad, Russell and Joyce Burdick, as well as his brother, Bob Burdick.

He grew up in Oakridge, Oregon, which is where his love of sports began. He played baseball, basketball and football. He was an all-star baseball player. He also played basketball at Lane Community College.

In 1976, in Oakridge, Randy met the love of his life, Mary. They relocated to Springfield with their five children. This is when his love for landscaping began.

In 1990, Randy and Mary moved to Sisters, to the property they purchased, which the family called “The Canyon.” Moving to Sisters was his dream. Randy had

an amazing work ethic and was very passionate about everything he did. He owned and operated his own business, R&M Landscaping and General Contractors, also farming 10 acres of his property.

Randy also coached at Sisters High School for over 20 years. He was the Head JV Coach for basketball, as well as coaching football and lacrosse.

He loved fishing, hunting, camping and spending time with wife, kids, and grandchildren.

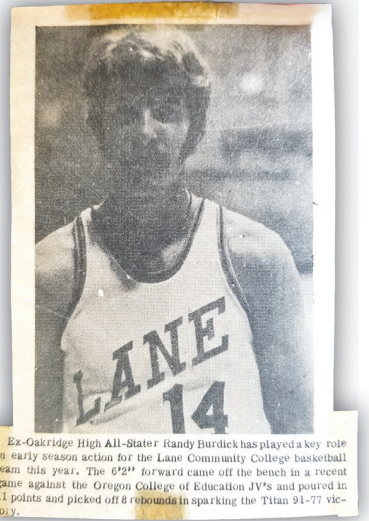
Randy is survived by his wife, Mary Burdick; three sons, Micky, Tim, and Christopher; and two daughters, Jonnie and Trina;

17 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was a believer in God, an inspiration to many and loved to help others. He truly saw the good in ALL. WE WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. If he touched YOUR heart... may you NEVER forget...

“Please give Grandma, Joyce, Grandpa, Russell, Uncle Bob, and Aunt Nyoka a huge hug from us. We hope you’re up there dancing away with a Corona in hand, living your best life. Please don’t worry about Mom, either. She not only has our family, but a whole community of the most wonderful people surrounding her, so she’s in great hands. We love you and you’ll always be a part of our heart and souls. Fly high bird, and always remember to take it easy.”

God bless.



Ex-Oakridge High All-Stater Randy Burdick has played a key role in early season action for the Lane Community College basketball team this year. The #22 forward came off the bench in a recent game against the Oregon College of Education JV's and poured in 11 points and picked off 8 rebounds in sparking the Titan 91-77 victory.

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