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Some other executive actions: Return jobs to U.S. (cancel/change trade agreements); health coverage of pre-existing conditions/right-to-try med for terminally ill; defer student loan payments and cancel interest/increase unemployment; end & make retroactive payroll taxes from July 1 through 2020 for those earning less than \$100,000 (make permanent if win re-election); force Big Pharma to lower prescription prices; allow vets to see doctors outside VA; facilitate jobs returning to U.S.; fund U.S. drug manufacturing.

By 2020 Blacks, Hispanics, Asians enjoyed lowest-ever unemployment and most new jobs went to women, improve rural healthcare access, \$12 billion to farmers for former unfair trade practices.

Sharon Scott, Former Dem

SPORTS: Athletes will have to adapt to changes

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level. We need everything back — band, choir, all the art activities. I am looking forward to seeing our community getting out of this mess we are in.”

He added, “We will learn more about what we can do in the fall in the next few weeks.”

Under the plan, “Season Two” is when OSAA competitions will begin, on December 28, with the traditional winter sports, including basketball, wrestling and swimming. Those sports will conclude the first week of March.

Next up in “Season Three” will be traditional “fall” sports — cross country, football, soccer, and volleyball — which will run from February 22 to late April with some championships dipping into the first week of May. “Season Four” including traditional spring sports — track and field, baseball, softball, tennis and golf — will finish out the year, running from April 19 to as late as June 26.

Thorson was not surprised by the OSAA’s decision.

“It was pretty much what most of us expected them to do. There is no perfect plan when you have to face what we are facing today, and while there are challenges to face in this plan I think the OSAA did a good job on it,” he said.

While Thorson likes the hope of having sports back, he knows that the plan will

bring new challenges.

“The overlaps will be tough on the athletes and coaches that are falling into back-to-back seasons and I have some concerns about snow and facilities for the fall sports and the time they are being played,” he said. “We will find a way and get creative in dealing with these and other issues. We have been resilient to smoke and snow in the past and we will maneuver this as well.”

Championship formats and specific dates have not yet been finalized according to the OSAA’s press release.

Activities under the OSAA umbrella including dance and drill, cheerleading, band, choir, and speech that do not fall under these established seasons will also have

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championship dates designated in the near future.

A complete document detailing each season’s plan along with other information is available on the OSAA website, which is available at www.osaa.org.



PHOTO BY RUSS MCMILLAN

Rimrock Ranch is one of the most iconic spots in Sisters Country. Deschutes Land Trust has purchased 1,123 acres of ranch land along Whychus Creek northeast of Sisters.

RANCH: Deschutes Land Trust will preserve habitat along creek

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face of a changing climate.

The Land Trust is developing a management plan for Rimrock Ranch to guide future stewardship. Initial plans include working with restoration partners to restore the historic wet meadows along Whychus Creek, which were damaged by past flood control efforts. We hope to begin this work in 2021 and ultimately return the creek and its floodplain to a healthy, biologically-diverse condition.

Rimrock Ranch will remain private property and is accessible to the public only through the Land Trust’s guided Walk + Hike program. The Land Trust will resume tours once pandemic conditions improve.

Along with all who have

contributed to the Campaign for Whychus Creek, the Land Trust would like to thank McKenzie River Trust for partnering with us in the long-term stewardship of Rimrock Ranch. We also thank the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and the Pelton Round Butte Mitigation Fund for their generous help in conserving Rimrock Ranch forever.

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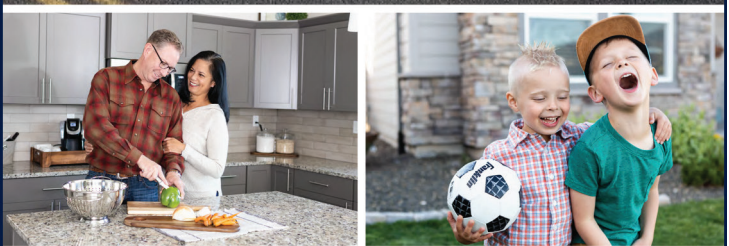
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