

Funding available for businesses

The Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) and a host of regional partners have awarded just over \$400,000 in grants to small businesses throughout Central Oregon since July. With approximately \$250,000 still available, COIC will reopen the application on a first-come, first-served basis starting Monday, August 17, until these funds are fully expended. Small businesses and non-profits located anywhere in the tri-county region are encouraged to apply by visiting www.coic.org/grant/.

Eligible businesses and non-profits must have 25 or fewer employees as of February 2020, cannot have received any federal CARES Act funding at the time of their application, and must have been either categorically closed by the Governor of Oregon's Executive Order No. 20-12 or able to demonstrate a loss of at least 50 percent of revenue in either March or April 2020. Applicants can review eligibility requirements and program guidelines in detail at <https://www.coic.org/grant/>.

Successful applicants can receive from \$2,500 to \$25,000 in grant funds, depending on the size of their business. A total of 144 businesses across the region have received grants to date. \$179,000 has been awarded to Bend-area businesses, \$47,000 in the La Pine and Sunriver area, \$31,000 in the Sisters area, and \$67,000 in Redmond. In addition, \$40,000 has been awarded to businesses located in Jefferson County, and \$35,000 to those in Crook County.

COIC is coordinating delivery of this program, with the partnership and assistance of the following regional organizations: Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson counties; the cities of Bend, Madras, and Redmond; the Warm

Springs Community Action Team; Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO); the Latino Community Association; NeighborImpact; and the La Pine, Sunriver, Bend, Sisters, Redmond, Prineville-Crook County, and Madras-Jefferson County Chambers of Commerce.

This program is funded in part by the State of Oregon General Funds and Lottery Funds administered by the Oregon Business Development Department. Matching fund contributions from Deschutes County, Crook County, the City of Madras, Jefferson County, the Warm Springs Community Action Team, and Latino Community Association make up the balance of total funding.



PHOTO COURTESY CRAIG EISENBEIS

Craig Eisenbeis (right) enjoys Big Lake in 1960; Bill Derville (left) would be his best man eight years later.

BIG LAKE: Grand spot is just west of Sisters off Highway 20

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bit baffling.

Walking along the perimeter of the lake is quite possible, although there are privacy issues since many routes will take you through other people's campsites. The trail along the western edge of Big Lake tends not to encroach on campsites and offers access to less frequently traveled areas. That trail is actually the last stretch of a rather nice six-mile counterclockwise trail

that traces a looping route through the woods past each of the Patjens Lakes before returning to the shoreline of Big Lake.

It's an easy matter to reach Big Lake. Simply take Highway 20 west from Sisters and, after about 20 miles, turn left just after the summit of Santiam Pass onto the Big Lake and Hoodoo Ski Area road. Follow that road past Hoodoo and Benson Sno-Park, for a total of about four miles. The day-use area is the first paved turn-off on the left after reaching the lake. The Patjens Lakes Trailhead is another half mile or so on the right.

Bluegrass jam and house concert set

A house concert on Sunday, August 23, will feature Never Come Down, 2018 Rockygrass Band Competition Winner.

The address of the event is 411 E. Main Ave. in Sisters.

At 5 p.m., there will be an acoustic jam. The concert starts at 7 p.m.

Social distancing between pods of one to four people will be observed and masks are required. Seating is limited; RSVP by Friday, August 21.

Bring beverages, lawn chair or blanket and a suggested donation of \$20 per person. Contact Linda Leavitt at lleavittmusic@icloud.com for more information or to RSVP.

For more information about Never Come Down visit <https://nevercomedown.band.com/about-the-band-1>.



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AUG 20 THUR **Paulina Springs Books Virtual Event Books In Common Regional Literary Event Series with Catherynne M. Valente and Jeff Vandermeer** 6:30 p.m. For more info call 541-549-0866 or go to BooksInCommonNW.com. 


The Suttle Lodge Thursday on the Deck Summer Wine Series Seatings every 30 minutes from 1 to 4 p.m. Wine paired with small-plates from the chef. Reservations required at www.thesuttlelodge.com/happenings. 

Food Cart Garden at Eurosports Trivia Night 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Family-friendly trivia. Socially-distant. Free. For additional information call Eurosports at 541-549-2471. 


AUG 21 FRI **Hardtails Bar & Grill Live Music with The Hwy 97 Band** 6 to 9 p.m. Classic rock and more. Free. No cover! For more information call 541-549-6114 or go to hardtailsoregon.com. 

Food Cart Garden at Eurosports Friday Car Show 5-6:30 p.m. Bring your cool or vintage car for the free Friday car show. For more information call Eurosports at 541-549-2471. 

AUG 22 SAT **Hardtails Bar & Grill Live Music with Petty Fever** 7:45 to 10 p.m. Tickets online at www.bendticket.com. For more information call 541-549-6114 or go to hardtailsoregon.com. 

AUG 23 SUN **Fir Street Park Sisters Farmers Market** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Every Sunday: fresh local produce and more. Pre-order and details at sistersfarmersmarket.com. 


AUG 25 TUES **Paulina Springs Books Virtual Event Books In Common Regional Literary Event Series with Keith McCafferty** 6:30 p.m. For more information call 541-549-0866 or go to BooksInCommonNW.com. 


Edward Jones Virtual Event 2020 Election: 10 Truths No Matter Who Wins 5:30 p.m. 25-minute free Zoom class to discuss how the markets have been affected by elections. Pre-register by calling Karen Kassy at 541-549-1866. 

AUG 27 THUR **Paulina Springs Books Virtual Event Books In Common Regional Literary Event Series with Daniel Matthews & Valerie Trouet** 6:30 p.m. For more information call 541-549-0866 or go to BooksInCommonNW.com. 

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AUG 28 FRI **Hardtails Bar & Grill Live Music with Matt Borden and the MFB** 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Free. No cover! For more information call 541-549-6114 or go to hardtailsoregon.com. 

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