

Group working on community website

Citizens for Community (C4C), and the Community Website Partnership have teamed up to create a community-driven website called Sisters Country Community Connects. The website will be a one-stop-shop for all things Sisters and its community.

It is intended to create awareness, connect and engage organizations and people. The website will be a place to access volunteers from around the community. It will also strive to create a place to connect with organizations and businesses as well as the media.

The partnership is being run by community builders from different organizations around Sisters Country. Leadership team members include people from the City of Sisters, Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC), Vision Implementation Team (VIT), executive committee, fire district, school district, park and recreation district, church, and several non-profit organizations.

The group is hoping to launch the website in a few

months time.

Churches, nonprofits, government agencies, clubs and businesses are invited to participate in the community website as partners/users, inputting their own information into the website.

The Community Website Partnership and Citizens 4 Community are looking to organizations and businesses in Sisters for feedback on what they want from a community website.

Volunteers are being sought to help create and manage the website. Tasks include: creation of content, editing, monitoring of website features/areas (calendar, directory, news, volunteer recruitment, etc).

As partners welcomed into the Community Website Partnership, a value of \$8,500 in Hub team time, talent, and expertise and Ford Family Foundation funding will be committed to Sisters Country. C4C will serve as the financial sponsor to launch the website, contributing \$1,200 towards the project.

People who want to get involved should contact C4C at citizens4community@gmail.com.

Vehicles getting towed at crowded rec areas

PORTLAND (AP) — Public officials in Oregon and Washington have a warning for people visiting trailheads and recreation areas across the region: park illegally and you might get towed.

The U.S. Forest Service tweeted a photo Thursday showing a car being towed from a trailhead parking area in the Mount Hood National Forest, saying law enforcement agencies would ticket and tow parked vehicles that pose a danger to public safety, *The Oregonian/OregonLive* reported.

Earlier in the week, the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office said 16 cars were towed for parking illegally at a popular stretch of the Clackamas River in Oregon.

Forest Service and state park officials said Friday that while illegal parking is nothing new, it's been a bigger problem this summer as huge crowds flock to natural areas across the region amid the coronavirus pandemic.

"We don't tow away cars lightly," said Heather Ibsen, spokeswoman for the Mount Hood National Forest. "They're not towing just to

make a point, they're towing to help make sure an ambulance can get through."

Even state parks with sizable lots have been overcrowded, particularly on the north Oregon coast. Chris Havel, spokesperson for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, said it's worse than they have ever seen it.

Agencies have been telling the public to avoid recreating at peak days and hours, if possible, and to come with backup plans or go home if there's nowhere safe to park.

Catherine Caruso, spokesperson for the U.S. Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest, said along with illegal parking at recreation areas, rangers have also seen more litter and trash left behind, and are increasingly concerned about human-caused wildfires as campgrounds continue to fill and trailheads remain busier than ever.

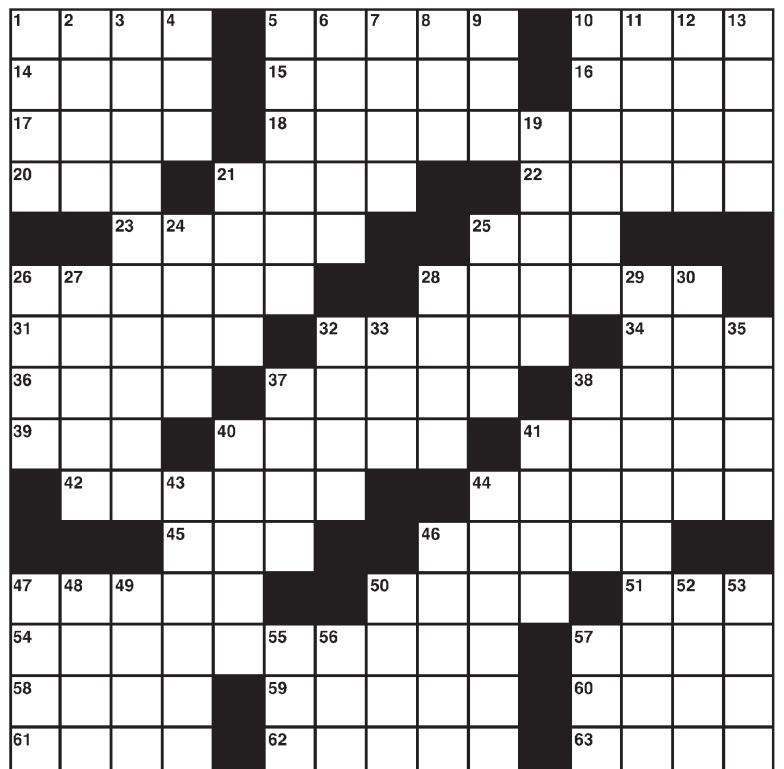
"We're really happy to have so much interest and so many people out enjoying the forests," Caruso said. But while you're out there, "take some personal responsibility and do the right thing."

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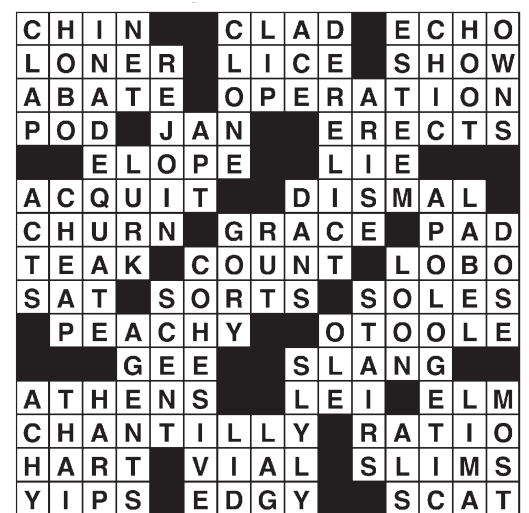
- ACROSS**
- 1 Not in danger
 - 5 Undress
 - 10 Blemish
 - 14 "Queen for ___" of old TV
 - 15 Mr. Ledger
 - 16 Forbidden action
 - 17 Where we wait for a plane
 - 18 Done out of ___; convenient at the time
 - 20 "I ___ Man of Constant Sorrow"
 - 21 Pekoe and oolong
 - 22 Becomes furious
 - 23 Birds with eerie cries
 - 25 Bowl-shaped pan
 - 26 Glows
 - 28 Dodge City's state
 - 31 Diets successfully
 - 32 Those listed in a will
 - 34 Carry something heavy
 - 36 Time-___; game breaks
 - 37 Yes-man
 - 38 ___ up; agitate
 - 39 Fraternity letter
 - 40 TV's Morgan
 - 41 Actress Sharon
 - 42 Resounds
 - 44 In need of a haircut
 - 45 Unser & Gore
 - 46 Empire State Building topper
 - 47 Classic board game
 - 50 Other ___; besides
 - 51 ___-faced; deceitful
 - 54 Conquers
 - 57 Everett, for one
 - 58 Lucie's brother
 - 59 Public discussion
 - 60 ___ firm; didn't buckle
 - 61 Household pests
 - 62 BBQ utensil
 - 63 Provokes

- DOWN**
- 1 Lengthy story
 - 2 First of zillions
 - 3 Always expecting the worst
 - 4 Storm center
 - 5 Martin & Charlie
 - 6 Austin's place
 - 7 Knocks
 - 8 Ending for social or suburban
 - 9 Prof.'s degree
 - 10 Moves furtively
 - 11 Early Atari game
 - 12 ___ in a blue moon
 - 13 Items in Santa's bag
 - 19 Actor Jeremy
 - 21 On one's ___; alert
 - 24 Singles
 - 25 Cautious
 - 26 Feed the pigs
 - 27 Provide shelter for
 - 28 Children
 - 29 Including everything
 - 30 Taking to court
 - 32 Works in the garden
 - 33 Q-tip target
 - 35 Author Zane
 - 37 Classic Father's Day gifts
 - 38 Asterisk



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- 40 Unwanted nasal growth
- 41 Tibia
- 43 Joel Chandler or Julie
- 44 Sudden muscle contractions
- 46 ___ off; disregard
- 47 Soft drink, for short
- 48 Kiln
- 49 Lie down for a bit
- 50 Harbor bird
- 52 Word attached to side or board
- 53 Likelihood
- 55 Frequently, to a poet
- 56 Wine and dine
- 57 Actor McBride

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