

Honoring educators in Sisters Country

The Nugget wants to help the Sisters community honor the dedicated educators who have continued to serve their students in the confusing and chaotic atmosphere of a global pandemic.

In lieu of the traditional Outlaw Calendar, *The Nugget* will publish each month a Sisters Educator Honor Roll — a salute to the teachers and staff who go above and beyond the call of duty to make their students' educational experience in Sisters exceptional — whether it's

online or in-person.

Students and family members are invited to email brief statements recognizing exceptional educators to be published in the Honor Roll. Include the name of the student (first name only is OK); name of the teacher; grade level and school; and a statement describing what makes the educator exceptional.

Send submissions of 55 words or less to leith@nuggetnews.com. They will be placed on a space-available basis.

STREET FAIR: Cancellations have been tough on vendors

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Riley Sheets, one of the event staff from Crater Lake Spirits in Bend, was offering small bottles of hand sanitizer to patrons stopping at the booth.

She said, "We are the spirit of adventure. And now we make a street fair sanitizer and we're giving out little complimentary bottles. That was probably our biggest change going through COVID. We are also making sure that when we are going to events, we have enough so that we can serve people a little better in that way."

Hannah Moncham, marketing assistant, added, "Our tasting room is open in Bend. We're doing our typical tastings, with a course in pre-sanitation, everybody's required to have masks on and as long as they're seated at the table, they can take their masks off. We're still fully operational with that."

Prineville resident Joel Dunaway, Clay Dragon Pottery owner, was a first-time vendor at Sisters Street Fair.

He noted, "My wife and I have actually been here

throughout the whole summer. We've been vendors at the Sisters Farmer's Market.

"We've been compliant as far as the mask and we have sanitizer. We're small town. So, we're naturally distanced from other people. I've got some customers in Portland that I've talked to and it's definitely a difficult situation there, but here I think we can be safe and do business here."

Dunaway has had a passion for pottery since the seventh grade. But his craft really kicked off in college with a ceramics class.

"I went into it, wanting to do it, you know, one of those attitudes, and I went three years in college with two apprenticeships, had my own studio for a while, and another career for a few decades. And now, this is my career for the rest of the years."

Brent and Missy Taylor, owners of Cabin Creek Log Furniture & Designs have also joined the team of vendors at Sisters Farmers Market.

Missy noted, "We've been doing the summer markets and we've been at a farmer's market in Bend Northwest Crossing. We've been lucky enough to get into Sisters Farmer's Market."

Brent added, "They gave us the stage in Fir Street Park

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— Joel Dunaway

because there were no spaces left. And we're pretty happy with that."

"We've been getting by with these little shows," Missy said. "This was our first and only art show this year, but we're managing."

Local scratchboard artist Jennifer Hartwig's booth showcased her stunning artistic talent.

"This is such a wonderful thing to have right now," she told *The Nugget*. "I jumped on this show really quick. So right now, during COVID, a lot of my meat-and-potatoes business is creating dog portraits. So, surprisingly enough I haven't lost business on that. I've also been able to receive the PUA (Pandemic Unemployment Assistance) through the unemployment for my business. This Street Fair will be my first real foray in a sales situation."

SCHOOL: Metrics are working in students' favor

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about the possibility of a reopen at our middle and high schools," Scholl wrote. "If our metrics hold, we could be reopening by the week of October 19."

As of the September 2 report, the 97759 zip code has seen 25 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Deschutes County cases peaked in July and have returned to levels seen in late May and early June.

St. Charles Health Services CEO Joe Sluka reported last Thursday that, "The latest COVID-19 news at St. Charles is that our numbers of hospitalized patients have been quite low for the past few weeks. We have three COVID-19 patients in the Bend hospital (as of last Thursday) and two of them are in the ICU on ventilators. Yesterday (Wednesday, September 2), we had only one new positive COVID-19 case in the three counties we serve.

"This is really positive news and I can't say how much we appreciate all you are doing to help — by washing your hands, wearing masks, staying home, physically distancing and more."

Health authorities were hopeful that people would

maintain COVID-19 protocols during Labor Day weekend and that there won't be another spike in cases.

Scholl said he toured the schools last week and saw readiness to get the school year underway — regardless of the configuration.

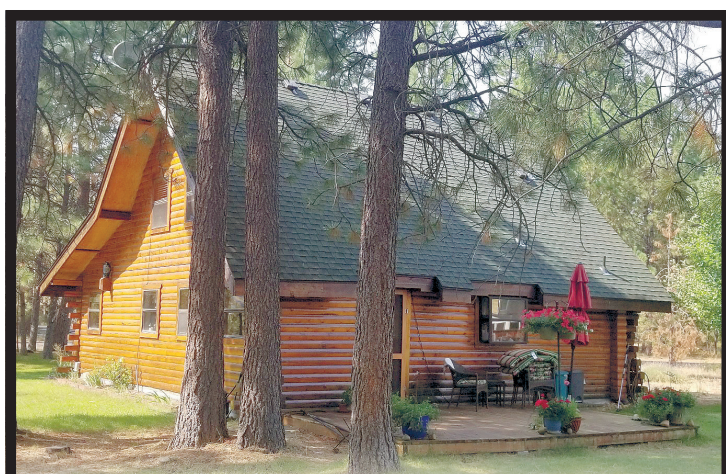
"From what I witnessed this week, from school staff, to parents, to students, we are all ready to move into the 20-21 school year together and make it the best year possible," he said.

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