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Cash donation boosts Food Bank clients

By Jim Cornelius
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The Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank serves dozens of clients each week when they come to select foodstuffs at the pantry on Main Avenue on Thursdays.

Earlier this month, those folks got an additional boost from an anonymous donor who provided a small cash stipend for each visitor to the Food Bank.

Food Bank Coordinator Naomi Rowe told *The Nugget* that the donor approached

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A force to be reckoned with...



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Sophie Silva goes in for a dig in Outlaws volleyball action against Sweet Home. The Outlaws volleyball squad has been fiercely competitive since roaring back out on the court for the 2021 season. (See story, page 11.)

Planned industrial park clears hurdle

By Sue Stafford
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The face of Sisters is changing and nowhere more than on the west end of town. The sale of the Sisters Ranger District's headquarters property has opened up that piece of Sisters to a variety of developments.

The proposed Three Peaks Industrial Park, located at 800 W. Barclay Dr. cleared another hurdle as the Sisters Planning Commission approved, with conditions, their master plan and subdivision proposal. The master-plan approval is for the

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Preregistration available for vaccination

Deschutes County and St. Charles Health System have launched a new preregistration system for residents to sign up to receive a COVID-19 vaccine at a mass vaccination clinic.

Individuals who preregister will be contacted to schedule a vaccine appointment when they are eligible and vaccine supply is available. Appointments will be scheduled based on the Oregon Health Authority eligibility criteria.

Beginning March 18, residents can preregister for a COVID-19 vaccine by visiting www.centraloregoncovidvaccine.com.

Individuals who preregister online will be contacted by email or text with a link to schedule their vaccine appointment. Registration links cannot be shared and will expire after 48 hours.

Residents who are unable to preregister online can call 541-699-5109 for assistance. Staff are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday

through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Be prepared to wait on hold or call back, as this line is experiencing high call volumes.

Individuals who preregister by phone will receive a call to schedule their vaccine appointment when a vaccine is available for them.

"We are excited to be able to offer preregistration for vaccination appointments," said Molly Wells-Darling, Deschutes County Deputy Incident Commander. "This will help improve the scheduling process for appointments at the mass vaccination clinic."

Individuals who have completed the Deschutes County Vaccine Interest Form should complete the vaccine preregistration form. Deschutes County will continue sharing vaccine updates with residents who have signed up for the Deschutes County Vaccine Interest Form.

Getting charged up in Sisters

By Bill Bartlett
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Is Sisters keeping up with the growing demand for electric vehicles?

For the 98 percent of us not driving electric vehicles (EV), it's of little interest if, or where, in Sisters one can get a charge. On the other hand, for the thousands of EV drivers who travel through town monthly, the need to know has more significance. And for tourists, who are vital to the local economy,

being able to get a charge can literally be the difference of choosing Sisters or another destination.

Currently neither Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce nor the City inform would-be travelers with charging options. Travel Oregon, the State's official tourism authority lists only Mainline Station in Sisters.

It's hard not to say Tesla when thinking EV. However, virtually every auto manufacturer, domestic and foreign, makes such vehicles

for the U.S. market. Tesla, the visionary global leader in battery-powered autos, also knew that no matter how cutting edge their vehicles might be, there was no market without "filling" stations. Consequently, they built and maintain nearly 1,000 stations that in some "super charger" locations will charge a Tesla enough in just 15 minutes to go as far as 200 miles.

One Tesla station is located at FivePine, with

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