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Town & Country Lanes streaming twice-weekly on-site concerts

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In February, Valor Mentoring, a non-profit organization in Salem, took over operations at Town & Country Lanes from Don and Ann Lebold after more than 50 years of ownership.

Valor Mentoring President Tim Davis was thrilled to restructure Keizer's only bowling alley, with plans to renovate the restaurant and put in recording and video production studios all while keeping the 24 lanes open.

However, the timing was less than ideal for Davis.

Town & Country was forced to close temporarily in March due to Gov. Brown's executive order to shut down all non-essential businesses due to COVID-19.

However, Davis wants to make sure he's making productive use of his time during the shutdown, whether it be with his business, his nonprofit, and with helping others in the community.

"We don't want to hide out in a corner. We want to know how we can help while still being safe and responsible,"

Davis said.

Valor Mentoring has recently shifted their thought process on the Town & Country renovation, focusing more on revamping the restaurant and coffee shop inside the bowling alley.

"We wanted to work on those while we're closed because when we open back up, those two things will create instant revenue," Davis said.

The main goal of the nonprofit that strives to lessen the impact of fatherless by providing mentorship to young men through one-on-one relationships, community projects and music media. Davis, and the rest of the Valor Mentoring staff are using this time to write new levels of membership training to better support their mentors.

"We want to use this time to make ourselves more effective," Davis said.

Valor Mentoring has also helped churches, such as Church on the Hill in Keizer, with video production to stream services, as well as lending production equipment to other churches in the area.

In April, Town & Country began streaming live concerts of up-and-coming local artists on Facebook and YouTube from the bowling alley.

Davis first got the idea to stream concerts from his daughter, Alyssa, who recently graduated from Corban College.

The concerts will be every Sunday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. and can be found on the Valor Mentoring and Town & Country Facebook pages.

Davis was able to book out the month of May for the concert series, highlighted by a performance from My Brothers and I.

"It gives artists an opportunity to perform in a safe environment while also having a platform to do it," Davis said.

Additionally, Davis set up a "Frontline Meals" donation section on the Valor Mentoring website, allowing people to donate money to provide meals to those in the medical community.

"We want to be leaders that are still dedicated to the community in a time of crisis," Davis said.

Gov. sets COVID-19 testing goals needed to reopen

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Gov. Kate Brown is setting a goal of testing up to 4,200 Oregonians per week and training 600 contact tracers as a portal to reopening Oregon.

"As we look to reopen Oregon, it's critical we understand the prevalence of COVID-19 across the state and use science and data to ensure we can safely take steps forward," said Governor Brown. "A strategy of testing and tracing helps us identify who has the disease and who may be at risk of infection — knowledge that is incredibly powerful as we look to reopen."

In documentation provided for the testing and tracing plans, there are no benchmark dates given for ramping up testing and no target date as to when Oregonians might see their local businesses open.

The day after the announcement regarding testing, Brown extended Oregon's emergency declaration another 60 days. The original declaration made in response to the pandemic was set to expire May 7, the extension keeps it in place until July 6.

"The novel coronavirus infections continues to threaten public health and safety," Brown wrote as part of the order.

The declaration allows the governor to maintain the "Stay Home, Save Lives" executive order as well as the moratorium on residential and commercial evictions.

The testing plan relies on:

- Voluntary, widespread testing in partnership with Oregon Health and Sciences University.
- Coordination between all hospitals to act as a statewide system for allocating testing resources according to need.
- A focus on collecting data to serve at-risk communities.

Under the plan released on Friday, May 1, every symptomatic resident of the state must be tested with results available within 72 hours. In addition, a surge capacity must be established to deal with residents living in group situations such as retirement community and rehabilitation centers when an infection is suspected.

Those who test positive and have symptoms will be asked to isolate themselves at home until symptoms have subsided without use of medicine.

Those that test positive without symptoms will be asked to stay in isolation for seven days after their last positive test.

Case managers will assist those in isolation or quarantine with accessing food, shelter and other support services.

Contact tracers, individuals trained to investigate potential contacts when an infection is identified, will be used to identify groups of the disease and estimate the health status and behavior of the population.

Oregonians will be urged to download a to-be-identified phone app to assist in the effort. Several developers are rolling out software for phone that will help pinpoint potential points on contact and infection.

"As we look to reopen Oregon, it's critical we use science and data to ensure we can safely take steps forward. Public health experts agree that there are key steps to safely reopening. At the top of that list is a thorough strategy to test, trace and isolate the virus," Brown said. "In order to reopen and hopefully stay open, we must have randomized, widespread testing across the entire state."

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impact of the shutdown, Keizer police officers have continued to tend to traffic safety, enforcing traffic laws, usually with warnings," said Lt. Bob Trump, of KPD.

In addition to bolder action on the part of drivers, Keizer

police have seen an increase in the number of attempts to elude police officers even in broad daylight.

On Wednesday, April 29, Officer Martin Powell initiated a traffic stop to issue a seat belt warning near the intersection of River Road North and Sam

Orcutt Drive N.E. The driver fled on foot. Police were able to establish a perimeter and the suspect was found hiding out near the Willamette River by a Salem Police Department K9 officer. The driver was taken into custody about 25 minutes after the incident began.



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