

Long-term care facilities permitting outdoor visitation with restrictions

Oregon's licensed long-term care providers may begin providing limited outdoor visitation for residents if the facility develops a plan to adhere to required safeguards to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Following the safety prerequisites — including health screenings, face coverings, physical distancing and limits on the number of visitors — is mandatory as Oregon continues to experience an increase in outbreaks at long-term care facilities.

“We will continue to evaluate all long-term care policies in partnership with Oregon Health Authority”

—Mike McCormick, interim director of the DHS Office of Aging and People with Disabilities.

While visits with family and friends are essential to well-being, they also create significant risk, not only for the individual who is seeing a loved one, but for everyone who lives and works in that care facility.

The Department of

Human Services outdoor visitation policy applies to all facilities licensed by the Office of Aging and People with Disabilities including nursing, assisted living, residential and memory care facilities as well as all adult foster homes.

Facilities that are currently coping with COVID-19 cases, or suspected cases, may not offer outside visitation until DHS determines that the outbreak has resolved.

All current indoor visitation restrictions is-

sued in March remain in place regardless of the reopening plan status of the county where the facility is located; however, residents are free to leave and return to their facility if following all public health guidance.

“We hope this policy provides some relief to residents, their family members and friends who we know have suffered extreme hardship as a result of visitation restrictions required during the pandemic. Balancing resident safety with the essential need to

have contact with family and friends is challenging as COVID-19 presents life-threatening risks and spreads rapidly in congregate care settings,” said Mike McCormick, interim director of the DHS Office of Aging and People with Disabilities. “We will continue to evaluate all long-term care policies in partnership with Oregon Health Authority to ensure they are in line with Governor Kate Brown’s reopening plan for the state.”

KXCR from 1A

There is also a more focused effort on taking over the responsibility of monitoring and maintaining the FCC license needed to retain the station’s ability to broadcast,

“As we move into the third decade of the 21st century our number one goal is to increase and engage our listenership and volunteers,” he said.

Kello also explained that the station is in the process of transferring its FCC license from Western Lane Transla-

tor to the station directly and has redesigned its website at KXCR.net.

Kello also emphasized how the station is run primarily by volunteers and how the need for additional contributors is ongoing.

With that goal in mind, Kello said there

are changes at the station designed to make participating in program production easier and more accessible.

“We have built a new production studio and will soon offer a listener membership with some great incentives,” said Kello. “In the same vain

as FDR, we have our KXCR Fireside Chat. It airs Tuesdays at 5 p.m. It is live with video simulcasted on our Facebook page. It is the first of its kind here and growing fast.

“We want to be a trusted source for information and programming

for community and our region.”

For more information on volunteering or in creating a local program for broadcast call 541-997-5252.

City from 6A

City of Florence, Oregon, do hereby encourage the residents of, and visitors to, the City of Florence to better understand the impacts of climate disruption and how it affects our community, environment and ecosystems. We further urge residents and visitors to promote and engage in solutions to improve energy efficiency, maintaining a cleaner, healthier community and a sustainable economy,

and to address this important critical and timely concern for our generation and generations to come.”

The response to the content of the proclamation was muted, with Mayor Joe Henry asking for comments, which were few. Henry directed his response to the City Charter, precedent and legal advice rather than the content of the proclamation.

“The issue here is not climate change, which I would like to discuss at length. It has more to do with Councilor Preisler

wanting to get this proclamation. I want to talk a little about the history of these proclamations and the authority that lies behind them,” Henry explained. “The City Charter or council rules contain little or no direction regarding proclamations other than stating that proclamations shall be approved by the presiding officer, which is the Mayor.”

There were brief, and at times unintelligible, comments made in the final few minutes of the meeting which may have con-

tributed to confusion as to a motion made by Greene to “consider accepting approval of the proclamation as written.”

A point made just prior to the introduction of the motion was the possibility of rewriting the proclamation. This was discussed by Greene and Councilor Geraldine Proicw, who was agreeable to the possibility of rewriting the proclamation.

But that decision was not formalized.

Henry then agreed to entertain a motion to con-

sider the proclamation, as presented, which was given by Councilor Greene and seconded by Preisler. The motion was defeated on a 3-2 vote with Proicw and Councilor Woody Woodbury each entering a “no” vote.

Some confusion over what sounded to be profanity from an unmuted microphone during the latter stages of the proclamation discussions, and additional confusion regarding Greene’s request for passage of the motion to approve the proclama-

tion, went unresolved.

Lastly, reports from City Commissions, Committees and Volunteer reports were made available to councilors in the informational packet provided, but no reports were made live.

All City council meetings are available for viewing on the city website. The next Florence City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 17, beginning at 5:30 p.m.



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1918

“The War to End all Wars” ends November 11, 1918

ONE OF OUR BOYS SEEING ENGLAND

Somewhere in England — Feb. 14, 1918

Dear Folks,

The boys tell me that they have been here two months and have not gotten an answer yet to mail they have sent home. I probably won't get an answer to this till April, but any way I can write home all I want to. It doesn't cost anything for postage. Later,

I had to stop and go out and drill so I am finishing this tonight at the YMCA. I had to wait half an hour for a seat at a table, there are so many fellows writing tonight. We had a show here in the Y this evening. It was pretty good.

When we were drilling this afternoon we got the command, “Forward! Route step! March!”

So we struck up a song and lined out. We have a swell bunch of officers in this squadron. They encourage us to sing when on a hike, sometimes they start the songs themselves and they nearly always join in.

I met a young fellow from Nova Scotia who knows our folks down there. ... He has been here over two years, and has been wounded twice. He is in England for a rest.

It surely is interesting to talk to these Britishers who have been “there” and seen it. It makes me want to go up against the whole German Army single handed.

Some of the atrocities committed by those Germans, which they tell about, just makes one's blood boil. We surely will “strafe” those dutchmen if we get a chance at them. You people at home don't half realize what we are up against over here.

If those pacifists and pro-Germans were over here they would soon change their tune. At home we could hardly realize that our country was at war,

but you sure know it here. The business life seems to go on about as usual, but you see women doing all kinds of work. A sort of pall of silence hangs over the country, a sort of hushed expectancy. And believe me, it sure is thrilling. At home, there is too much heroics. Here it is the real thing.

You don't see or hear much about what we're going to do. Everything is given over to the doing of it now.

Well, I guess I will tell you something of the topography of what I have seen of Old England. The land is kind of rolling around here. The rhododendrons are the most plentiful underbrush in these woods. I'll bet it will be pretty when they bloom in May.

They have swell roads running in every direction. And the most picturesque old inns. I don't believe they have changed a particle since the days of the old post chaise. They look just like the pictures you see in books. Every one has a post out in front with a swinging sign. They surely are pretty places and some are quite historic.

You know how crazy I always was about history. Well, I have seen some of the most historic places in the world since I enlisted. Among those in the U.S. was the ruins of Jamestown, the place where Lee surrendered and the place where Cornwallis surrendered, the great Alamo and a lot of others too numerous to mention.

I can't tell you what I have seen over here because one could follow my movements by them and that would never do you know.

I don't think there is anything in this that will be censored unless the censor gets tired reading it and destroys the whole thing. Lots of love to all.

PVT. HARRY WORTHYLAKE, 471 AERO SQUADRON

1920

Freak Year for Bachelors

— The West Vol. 29, No. 33

January 16, 1920

An exchange following may be of interest to single people of both sexes:

Confirmed and irreconcilable bachelors look askance, nay, view with alarm the calendar for 1920, with particular attention directed to February. A casual glance suffices to indicate the reason, for February 1920 contains 29 days, 1920 being a Leap Year.

But this is not all. The 29th is also a Sunday, so that the month will carry five Sabbaths on which maidens may stalk their pray. Five days on which all business activities are suspended.

Bachelors may attempt to barricade themselves in the inner regions of their offices, but must come forth to run the gauntlet.

And to make a bad matter worse, Friday of the second week of February falls on the 13th.

Once in a century, February has five Sundays and 1920 is the 100th year since a similar phenomenon occurred.

Everything considered, 1920 should prove a lucky year for the girls, but to the bachelor contending the 12 months are filled with dark forebodings.

1921

Road Material Near Heceta

— The West January 1921

A few days ago H.P. Larsen of Heceta brought to town a sample of what is said to be the best material for building roads that has been found in the Coast Range.

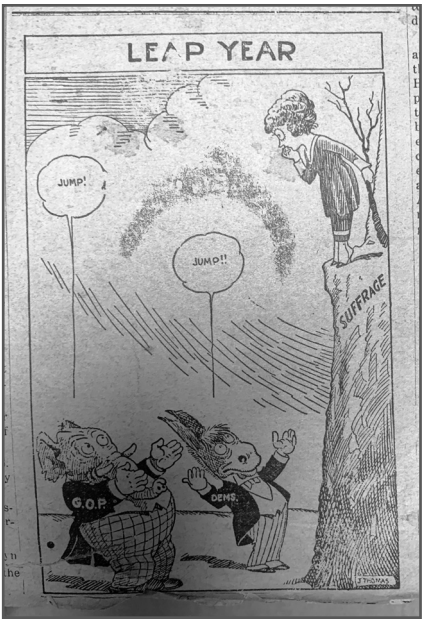
It is composed of iron and silica and there is a large deposit of it on Mr. Larsen's ranch not far from Heceta light house.

A sample of the deposit was sent to the school of mines with an inquiry as to its composition and whether it is good material for road building and the reply stated in substance that it is excellent for that purpose.

When mixed with sand in the proper proportions, the mixture hardens and makes a first class road that is unsurpassed in wearing qualities.

With an abundant supply of this material and an unlimited quantity of rock a few miles farther south, there is plenty of material to be easily obtained close to the line for building a good road along this part of the coast at a comparatively small cost.

The road is greatly needed and we hope to see it ready for travel before many years.



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