

Strike

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St. Charles says it turned to the court because the labor board cannot meet prior to the Thursday strike. The last contract talks were in December. "It is our fundamental mission and responsibility as a health care organization to take care of our community," Aaron Adams, St. Charles

Bend president, said in a prepared statement. "Although we believe the strike notice is unlawful, we will proceed with preparation to ensure continued care for our patients." Frank DeWolf, a St. Charles Bend cardiac catheterization lab technologist, said that while nurses and technology workers at the hospital of ten work side by side, the two groups of workers are not re-

ceiving the same benefits. "We used to get the same benefits they (nurses) did," DeWolf said. "People are frustrated with the hospital and want parity between the nurses and the techs who work side by side. We have different jobs, but we all share the same goal of taking care of patients." At the current salary and benefits of St. Charles techni-

cians, the group makes 20% less than their counterparts in Portland, Potter said. "Our members are available to bargain, but the hospital hasn't been able to meet us for three months or more," Potter said. "It's been really frustrating. Our members don't trust this employer to get a contract." ■ Reporter: 541-633-2117, sroig@bendbulletin.com

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— Todd Williver, on helping find Maddie Pernich's lost engagement ring

Williver

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The ring had fallen off Pernich's finger before she went sledding that day. "I had tears in my eyes," Pernich said. "I was so happy." Williver, 54, who works as a 4-H Program Coordinator for Oregon State University, was just as excited as the bride-to-be. His work was able to rule out the sledding hill, and the result was his first successful ring recovery in Central Oregon as a member of The Ring Finders, which he joined last year.

"This probably was her most prized possession," Williver said. "To actually see the reaction when she gets it back was just monumental." Williver has enjoyed metal detecting as a hobby for the past three decades, but he got serious about helping people two years ago. He has helped several people in Central Oregon and on the Oregon Coast near Newport, where he lives part-time for his job at Oregon State University. "When I'm lucky enough to find one and return it, the emotions are pretty overwhelming," Williver said. Beyond recovering lost jewelry, he is drawn to finding historic items that may not have value but are a connection to the past, Williver said.

Williver regularly visits Florida's Treasure Coast, where Spanish treasures were lost in a 1715 hurricane and spread across the beaches. Williver hasn't found any treasure in Florida, but he has recovered old musket balls from that era and debris from the Columbia space shuttle that was destroyed during reentry into the atmosphere in February 2003.

In Oregon, Williver's most prized find is an 1860s padlock he discovered in the old railroad town of Yaquina, outside Newport. "It's just things that tie us to history, tie us to our relatives and our ancestors from long ago," Williver said. Williver said the best places to use a metal detector are where people have congregated, such as fairgrounds, beaches, churches and granges. Sometimes he asks private property owners if he can search on their property. The searching is just for fun, and he shares whatever he finds with the property owner. "We are not hunting it to make money or collect the stuff," Williver said. "We are



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Todd Williver of Sisters uses a small knife to dig up around an area of interest Friday while metal detecting around Creekside Park in Sisters.

hunting it to reveal what sort of historic stuff is there."

Williver compares metal detecting to other hobbies like skiing and fly fishing. A person can't just grab a pair of skis or a fishing pole and automatically become good at the hobby, he said. "It takes thousands of hours of understanding the intricacies and knowing how to use the equipment in order to get efficient at it," Williver said. Recovering a lost item, like Pernich's engagement ring, also takes strategy. Williver asks people where they think they lost the ring, then draws a grid of the area to make sure he doesn't miss a spot. "You have to put on your investigative hat and talk to them about what happened," Williver said.

For Pernich, she was grateful Williver was willing to meet her at Lake Billy Chinook to find the ring she had worn every day since getting engaged in November. Pernich lost the ring Feb. 12 and had to return home to Gresham for the week before trying to find the ring again the next weekend. She met Williver Feb. 21, the day the ring was found. Williver told her how sometimes he finds rings and tries to track down the owner. She was impressed how Williver wants to help and not just pawn off found jewelry. "He tries his hardest," Pernich said. "He really cares about getting important things back to their owners." ■ Reporter: 541-617-7820, kspurr@bendbulletin.com

Investigation

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The Redmond Police Department began looking into DeMars in early 2020 after a woman alleged sexual abuse and domestic violence at his hands. The case was forwarded to the Deschutes County District Attorney's Office with a police recommendation to charge DeMars with a sex crime. First-, second- and third-degree sodomy are all felonies. Due to a conflict of interest, the case was transferred to the Oregon Department of Justice, which has yet to make a charging decision, according to spokeswoman Kristina Edmundson. Edmundson declined to discuss DeMars' case. "We're not in a position to confirm anything, or share additional details," she wrote to The Bulletin. DeMars, 37, has earned \$131,807 since being placed on leave in February 2020. He remains the subject of an internal conduct investigation, in addition to the criminal investigation. The sheriff's office has so far paid a third-party investigator \$44,397 for that investigation, a spokeswoman said Monday. In early 2020, a woman in a romantic relationship with DeMars told Redmond Police his behavior was becoming increasingly frightening to her. She described various

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controlling behaviors and being awoken to rough sex in the middle of the night. She'd started recording conversations with him and sending them to friends, scared something might happen to her, according to the police report. She told a detective she feared for her and her children's safety if she ended up costing DeMars his job. He'd reportedly told her if she went to police, "no one would believe her because he's 'Deke DeMars' and she is just a drunk." Police next interviewed several friends of the woman, who confirmed she had shared with them the same details. One friend said that once when she was out at bars with the alleged victim, they noticed DeMars following them from a distance in his truck. The alleged victim told her friend he didn't do it to ensure they were safe but to later try to catch the woman in lies about where she had been. One day, DeMars' accuser called the friend to ask her to delete the conversations with DeMars she had sent her, the

friend told police. The alleged victim later told the friend that DeMars had made her make the call and had been listening in on the call at the time. In February 2020, a 911 call led to the exposure of a relationship between DeMars and one of his female subordinates. That woman, Allie Lamb, had called emergency services to report her live-in boyfriend was acting suicidal. Days later, the office would announce that DeMars and another sheriff's office sergeant, Kevin Dizney, had been placed on paid leave. Dizney was also one of Lamb's supervisors, and he

It's unclear if the 911 call and Dizney being placed on leave are related. Dizney was disciplined and is now back at work. Dizney collected \$116,210 while on paid leave. The investigator in his case earned \$11,122. DeMars and Lamb are now married. Lamb, who now goes by her married name, remains employed with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office. DeMars was named the state's top deputy in 2007. In recommending him for the distinction, a supervisor wrote of receiving a letter from a woman who said DeMars had helped her buy groceries when she was out of money and he was behind her in the checkout line. The next year, he was given the Award of Valor by the Oregon State Sheriff's Association for his actions during a shooting in La Pine. ■ Reporter: 541-383-0325, gandrews@bendbulletin.com

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In the Matter of the Estate of THOMAS M. VETTER, Deceased. Probate Case No. 21PB00083
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the PR at 204 SE Miller Ave, Bend, OR 97702, within four months after the date of March 2, 2021, the first publication of this notice, or the claim may be barred. Additional information may be obtained from the records of the court, the PR, or the lawyer for the PR, Patricia Nelson.

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Public Notice
The Bureau of Reclamation, in accordance with 43 CFR 423 Subpart B, is providing public notice that Haystack Reservoir South Shore Campground will be temporarily closed to the public from April 1 to May 23, 2021, to pave areas within the park and make improvements for accessible camping and facilities for people with disabilities. Public access will resume after the completion of construction. For more information contact Jordan Rank at jrank@usbr.gov.

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