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*A sure sign that spring has arrived!*



## YES We're Open



Just like anywhere else in the world right now, things have been anything but normal at La Pine Community Health Center (LCHC) over the past several weeks. The staff at each location have worked hard to keep up with the ever-changing circumstances that surround the COVID-19 pandemic.

Though there have been some operational changes in accordance with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), LCHC's clinics are **STILL OPEN** and offering all of their services to all ages and all stages of life. These services include primary medical care, behavioral health, health education and outreach. All of which can also be accessed virtually by telephone or video call.

For those of you that have lost your jobs, your benefits, or dropped from the Oregon Health Plan, LCHC continues to offer their services even if you are uninsured or unable to pay. Their Outreach team is available to assist you with applying for the Oregon Health Plan and the Discounted Fee Program.

The Christmas Valley site, located in the North Lake Health District Medical Center at 87520 Bay Road, has set up a triage area in the Northeast area of the parking lot. They are asking that patients who are experiencing symptoms such as a fever, cough or shortness of breath do not enter the lobby, but rather park on either side of the ambulance entrance and call to let them know that you have arrived. A staff member will then assess the patient and take them in through an alternate entrance.

## Updated Voting Information The Lake County Clerk Important Notice

Postage stamps are no longer required to return your ballot by mail. Postage is prepaid by the State of Oregon.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, drop sites on election day at the Community Centers in Paisley and Christmas Valley will not be available.

We highly recommend voting your ballot early and returning it by mail.

Please mail your ballot on or before May 13, 2020 to ensure timely delivery to our office by election day, May 19, 2020

"It is important that patients continue to receive medical care throughout this challenging time, and it is safe to do so," urges Charla DeHate, Chief Executive Officer of LCHC.

The health center has received much love and support over the past few weeks. Some community members have even sewn and donated masks to help keep the staff safe. Kelly McCord, Medical Receptionist at the Christmas Valley health center expresses gratitude to the local community, "We are so thankful for the support of our community and are pleased to see that local retailers have implemented safety measures to help keep residents safe and healthy. Please keep it up!"

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# Comings and Goings

By Terry Crawford

Greetings to all our readers and more importantly survivors of these trying times. We in Lake County have to date had no confirmed cases of COVID-19. This information may be paralleled by a sense of false security - a sense that our communities and citizens are somehow exempt from this new strain of influenza. Becoming complacent about anything is always one side of a double edged sword. I can't remember a time when I went unwillingly off a horses back that there was not an element of complacency involved. You know, I've been riding this horse for years, it's a beautiful day, I'm failing to be an active rider as I take in the sights, sounds and peaceful ambiance of the day, only to find my self on the ground, and looking at a long walk back to the trailer. It's always a wake-up-call to do due diligence - in the case of riding, to pay attention. In the case of COVID-19 to pay attention as a way of protecting one's self and others.

As a volunteer driver I have made six trips to Bend this month for the program and will be traveling to Prineville to pick up this paper on the 30th. My car is equipped with spray disinfectant, sanitizer wipes, had sanitizers, bandannas and masks. These items are in constant use. Let's face it none of us know when we may inadvertently be exposed. And currently Lake County, with the advent of spring weather is experiencing a influx of visitors from areas where the virus continues to add new cases daily.

The spring weather has me spending a few hours every day or so attacking the little emerging weeds in my arena. From the road one might think it is weed free. It's not, but I am confident that when, with the help of my son, it is tilled over Mother's day weekend there will not be a bunch of gone to seed weeds being turned under only to pop right back up.

Then there are the grasses and weeds that have embedded themselves in my flower beds. They are pretty much out of control because last year I let them get ahead of me. Now I am doing what I call micro-weeding as a way to salvage all the little perennials that a currently reaching up through the soil seeking sunlight.

I have finished the areas along the walk-way and the country garden between it and the house. I keep looking at my arbor which is greatly overgrown with hops and Clematis - all intertwined -- Think I will save that for a future date. I was able to purchase some pansies - they are such happy little plants. I also bought a solid flat of white petunias at Fred Myer for \$21. I know it is much to early to put them out but as a solid flat they did need to be split and potted individually. There are now 36 four inch potted petunias growing in the greenhouse. I can't wait to set them out.

The lawn is greening up and most of my little fruit trees are budding out, as are the pesky aspens. The aspens are great for shade but they just never stop sending out runners, nor do the neighbors, and the horses won't touch them.

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## BE A POSSITIVITARIAN

By Gloria Heglar



Gloria Heglar

Is your life out of control, feel upside down? This pandemic is a first for us, we haven't ever been told, as an adult, to go into your house and stay. Can't go to work, can't see your friends and family? Well, think about this; you are an important part of this event in world history.


We are a part of world history as the pioneers were who crossed in wagons to this west part of America. They followed the trail of the wagon boss led by Lewis and Clark. You have a job to do just as they did, you must follow the leaders and do as they say: to save you, your loved ones and the millions around us that are counting on us. You must continue to do as they say because it is, simply the right thing to do. Being positive is the only way to survive.

No matter how dark the future outcome of this is, raise your sights up high and see the possibilities that are available. Change is coming and we must be prepared to merge our lives into the fold. It is a time to make your life easier by simplifying the way we live. Think of how your life has been under the restrictions and keep doing what you liked about it.

Be prepared by taking every day in appreciation for life and thank others around you. Thank the world and it will pat you on the back. If you are hungry and your pantry is low, make calls to the city, the churches or anyone, you will get food. I believe God will provide. If, you are sad, anxious about work or an income, even if you are half scared to death of the future, call for help, reach out.

Inconvenience is one thing we just have to tolerate, but hunger is not. We live in America, help is there. What is important is to survive this better than you were before, is to maintain a positive attitude because

*See Possitivitarian, page six.*



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In response to the financial impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on our health center, we have set up a Support Fund. This is an opportunity for individuals and businesses in the communities that we serve to partner in our mission by giving financially toward operational needs or transportation, prescription, durable medical and healthy food voucher programs.

For more information on how to get involved, please visit: [www.lapinehealth.org/support-fund](http://www.lapinehealth.org/support-fund)

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#### We Need Your Support

Like many other small businesses and nonprofit organizations, LCHC is feeling the financial strain of pandemic. “There are many patients who are afraid to seek care unless they are experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19. We have had a 45 percent decrease in patient visits in March and it is going to be an even larger decrease for April. This translates to a large loss in receivable income.” explained DeHate.

In response to the decrease in income, LCHC has developed a Support Fund program for the purpose of raising funds that will assist with operational expenses as well as the healthy food voucher, transportation, prescription assistance and durable medical supply programs.

“Many people think that because we are a Federally Qualified Health Center, we receive all of our funding from the federal government. However, the federal funding is only 20% of our income. We

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rely on grants and insurance payments for our billable services to make up for the rest. Though we are taking a sizable hit to our finances right now, we know that it is vital for our doors to remain open and for our health centers to remain fully staffed so that we are here and ready to serve patients when they need us,” explained DeHate.

Though the request for financial support is urgent in nature, they have a much more pressing message to deliver. DeHate urges, “Please do not hesitate to seek care during this time. It is critical that you remain healthy so that your risk of needing emergent care is reduced. Call our staff to discuss your health needs and we will find a way to care for you in a safe and appropriate manner.”

For information on how you can support LCHC, visit their Support Fund webpage at [www.lapinehealth.org/support-fund](http://www.lapinehealth.org/support-fund) or contact Courtney Ignazzitto, Executive Assistant and Public Relations Specialist at (541) 536-3435.





By Toni Bailie

# From This Angle: Paisley Strong

Paisley is responding with ingenious ideas to engage children who are challenged by the social isolation of the pandemic quarantine.

Paisley School is implementing a plan for distant learning so the students can continue their studies. Mary O’Leary and her assistant Nita Cardoza, have a plan in place for their Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Gena Cooper, Shannon Hart and Ruth Robinson have delivered text books to the students’ homes. Each Monday, they drop off homework packets with weekly assignments. On Thursday, the work is picked up and given to the instructors for grading.

The younger grades also submit material that is compiled into booklets they share with their fellow students.

The first week, parents were asked to submit photos of their children’s work space at home and a few sentences from the students about their experience with home schooling. Then school secretary Alexa Van Bell creates the booklets that are distributed with next

Monday’s assignments. Each week there will be a new suggestion for the booklets. The teachers contact each student on line or by phone



twice a week and the children can see and share with each other using Google Hangouts.

Grades 4-12 receive email assignments and use Chrome Books for interactive classes with teachers. Bruce Arrington encourages his art class to upload photographs of sketches or pictures they have taken for the photography class. Emma Shanahan is planting flowers and vegetables in the school green house that will be transplanted into the community garden. Teachers have office hours during the school week so students can contact them by phone or video chat.

Inner Court Family Center continues to sponsor meals for students. Every school day, Debbie Gaylord makes lunches so parents

can pick up the food for their children.

Using Facebook, Heather Douse and Amy Davis got the local kids excited about a teddy bear hunt. Residents who wanted to share in the fun placed stuffed animals in the windows of their home. Then parents drove their children around town to see who could spot the most animals.

Families usually flock to the annual Easter egg hunt on the school football field. So the kids wouldn’t be disappointed, Inner

Court Family center purchased plastic eggs and candy. Amy Davis and her volunteers filled the eggs with candy, then hid them in the yards of families who wanted their children to have a fun activity on Easter.

Neighbors going into town for shopping will bring groceries or other needed supplies to folks who can’t make it to the store.

Our Paisley community spirit is still flourishing. We all will rejoice when we are able to once more gather in person, but in the meantime we are watching out for each other.

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**APRIL and the Bees**

By Gary A. Brain Summer Lake Apiaries



The year of April... With all of this COVID Crap going on I have had some time on my hands. April is April and the weather is predictable, don't know what is going to happen. Rain, Snow, Sleet, Sunny Skies or whatever.

This year toward the middle of the month Ma Nature took pity on us and blessed us with decent weather. My hives were perking up and I saw a lot of activity from all but two. During a warm day around the middle of the month I took a deep breath and started to inspect the hives. What I found was truly amazing. The strongest of the hives from last winter was the weakest, the hive that I gave little to know chance to make it into Spring, bee-cuz when in the Fall I saw too many drones still getting into the hive in November without the guard girls pushing them back out, I figured that hive would starve out just bee-cuzz the drones would eat up the winter stores. (Just when you think you have figured it out...) Not so! That hive was the errant swarm that decided to make their home in three un-used deep body hives that I placed in the winter yard just to have them out of the way and, low and behold they survived the winter. I had ordered three Queen Mothers in February just in case I could get lucky and split the few hives that might get through the winter. Long story shortened up; I made three splits out of that one colony! I split one other strong colony and, from what I saw this last week is, that all three Queen Mothers are happy in their new digs.

So, back to what to do in April. Packages should be showing up on our doorsteps soon and we will need to be ready to receive the new Queen Mother and the girls. Get on line if you have any questions about settling the new colony into their

new digs. Have the Queen Mother's and girls new digs ready to move into. (No need to mention: FEED!)

Hive inspection should have been the prime priority for this, and next month. But, again the weather may hinder nor-

mal inspection activities. When inspecting we need to be looking for new brood, we need to switch the bottom boxes with the top brood boxes, clean the bottom boards and scraped burr comb off all of the brood frames. Again continue to monitor the Queen Mothers' laying pattern.

Monitor on at least a bi-weekly basis the hive activities on the days you can open the hives according to temperatures (above 55 and no wind). Good luck on that.

Now is the time to determine if a Queen Mother needs to be replaced. Queens should be available from now until middle of summer depending on your source. We need to be ever vigilant in looking for diseases and parasites in our pollinators. The strong hives need to have a honey super put on it to be sure you can capture some spring honey, or consider splitting and increasing your herd. Just make sure you can get a Queen Mother ordered up. Until next month Bee Safe out there!

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depression can stop your forward movement towards your goals.

As Dr Facci says, This is not a light switch you can just flip back on, further patience is required before we see any semblance of normal will return. In Lake County we are not only remote but we are isolated as well. But as small as Paisley is, it really looks eerie down by the bar and the Merc at any time of the

day, not completely unlike pictures of 5th Avenue in New York City.

The Merc has done a great job of staying stocked and the Wednesday meat loaf dinner to pick up at the bar on Wednesday is really something to look forward to and homemade donuts on Saturday morning. Harry Barker and I can drive through the Perk Tuesday through Saturday for a word with Lori and a dog biscuit for Harry. The only emergency Clark and I have found was when the merc didn't get

a delivery of ice cream. And, I must mention our hair dresser, Deanne. Get plenty of rest because when the ban is lifted your phone will ring off the wall for weeks.

I am a positively, positive person, join me in inspiring everyone to come out of this without self pity weighing them down. Keep a smile on your face for the whole human race, it is needed in every corner of the world.

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*Superintendent David Kerr -- Bond Update*



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The last six months have included in depth evaluation of the design, engineering, systems analysis and the tying in of a new addition to the existing building. We went through a sub-contractors bidding process and an in depth permitting process with Lake County. Various code changes over the years required additional analysis of how to use existing systems with new construction.

On April 13<sup>th</sup> Griffin Construction began moving equipment in and fencing off the construction work area. On Monday, April 20, we broke ground. Our first step is removing the playground asphalt and cutting into the hill side. Excavation will take some time before footing and foundation work begins. We had intended to remove and replace the old annex building. However, the cost of new modular buildings has exploded and is now cost prohibitive. We will tear that building down to the studs and rebuild from the foundation up! That building should be ready to occupy when students return in September!

The bus maintenance facility will begin possibly in the fall. The entire project (including the new classrooms and gym) should be completed prior to March, 2021. We still believe that this addition will meet the needs of our students and community for the next 20 years.



## A Message from Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union

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As we work diligently to make sure the small businesses in our communities have access to this program to keep their business open and keep their staff employed, I would encourage you to share our [Facebook Post](#) on your organization and/or personal Facebook page. Additionally, here is a direct link to the [Application Packet](#) for business owners.

Sincerely, Chad Olney  
Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union

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My daughter Jill's two retired horses arrived the weekend of the 18th and are settling in. The plan was for them to summer here but Jill announced that she thought they would do just fine here in the winter. This translates to they are going to be permanent residents. So if you drive by the place and see a big lovely copper colored chestnut and an even larger very dark bay they are Easy Jet and Jeffery.

We purchased two big bales and had them set out in the dry lot behind the barn. All four horses are enjoying feeding on them rather than waiting to be fed twice a day. Of course the old boys come in every evening for what I call their gruel - soaked beet pulp, rice bran and alfalfa pellets topped with

rolled barley and a few carrots. My two, on the other hand, get barley for Alex and barley and rice bran for the mare - and carrots, lots of carrots. They may be a bit of extra work but they are worth it.

Back to the social distancing and staying home as much as possible. I have been cooking a lot and cooking is definitely not my thing.

Lots of stir-fry with chicken, a huge pot of ham and bean soup (it freezes nicely) a really good spaghetti with brown rice noodles. Mornings feature a breakfast of two eggs over easy, one medium potato microwaved, grated and cooked as hash browns and one strip of bacon. I really haven't come up with lunches yet but there are always some leftovers. Yum.



***A Message to Our Customers from Robbins Equipment***

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look forward to this virus passing and will plan for an event later this summer or fall.

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## *The Lodge at Summer Lake*

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**Sagewood Grocery**

Asks customers not to enter store if they are ill and that healthy customers practice safe distancing. If you need services and can not come in you are asked to call them and they will help you. They are sanitizing on a regular rotation.

**Silver Lake Mercantile** and the **Summer Lake Store** are open during their regular hours and are following all protocols.

**Sid's Produce** is open for business and keeping regular hours at this time. They have put procedures in place to help customers maintain safe social distancing and ask that customers sanitize their hands and wear a mask or bandanna as an extra precaution due to the nature of the business. They are happy to shop for you.

Restaurants

**Cooper's Chicken at Christmas Valley Market** is take-out only and it is best if you call in your order if possible. They are open from 6:30am to 8pm.

**Fort Rock Restaurant and Pub** is open Mon - Fri from 11am to 6pm for take-out only. They are serving everything on their regular menu. Also they are featuring a Mother's Day Prime Rib Dinner Special and ask that you place your order as early as possible. 541-576-3988

**Farmhouse Cafe & Bakery** is open from 10am to 8pm seven days a week. They are offering their full menu, are happy to take orders and payment over the phone and are also offering curbside and free delivery (up to 10 miles). 541-576-4000

**Flyway Restaurant at the Lodge at Summer Lake** is offering a limited take-out menu (see page 9) for more information. They ask that whenever possible you call your order in ahead. The motel is operational. 541-943-3993

**Gifts n More** is open from 7am to 4pm Mon - Sat and is serving their full menu for take-out. Call 541-576-3600

See We're Doing Business on page 12.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Submitted by Ann Kasbohm

Lake County Public Transit Has Two Providers To Help Those Without Transportation

Special Transportation and the Lake County Senior Center both serve North Lake

If you are confused by which service to use, check with the schedulers of both programs to see which service can accommodate your needs. The goal is to get folks to medical care and also get them to shopping facilities.

Anyone without their own safe transportation is qualified to use either service. If you are using a wheelchair, the Senior Center has ADA equipped vans; they also give scheduling priority to seniors and those with disabilities, and medical trips, and only have 2 vehicles, so that's one thing to consider before you call.

Frequently, vehicles will have more than one passenger and more than one appointment time to meet. At times, this makes for a long day, especially when appointments fall hours apart.

Special Transportation relies upon a network of volunteer drivers who use their own vehicles. When scheduling, it is important to remember that Special Transportation drivers do not work for a wage. They are paid a reimbursement for their mileage only.

Drivers may also take care of some of their own business while a rider is at an appointment or shopping elsewhere. Be patient and remember that it is just as long a day for your driver as it is for you. Be sure to bring your own funds for a meal, or bring your own lunch that will not make a mess or stain your driver's upholstery.

We all love living in the high desert, and we all know that we may have to travel 60 or 100 miles to take care of health issues and major shopping. We encourage you to use these services, and at the same time be appreciative of those who use their time and vehicles to make your rides possible.

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To schedule an appointment to be seen by Dr. Rudd at the North Lake Health District's Medical Complex please call 541-385-6249.



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Call Dr. Eichner at 541-977-2767  
to Schedule your appointment





*The Prospector and his writing travel a path that has many curves and bends along the way, but in the end an interesting destination is reached. So spend a little time mulling over the journey and if you are curious like me, you may find yourself getting ready to do a little exploring.*

Why go all the way to South Africa to look for diamonds when you can stay at home here in Lake County? The Oregon's State gemstone called Sunstone is located in "the world's biggest deposit measuring seven square miles". In 1972 BLM designated four of those seven square miles to the public.

I hope these suggestions lead you to your treasure.

Every time the temperature heats up and gets cold which is daily it causes the stones to make their way to the surface just as do obsidian artifacts. So new stones are making their way to the top as we speak!

When you come out of a 'big box-store' and you walk into an angle having the sunlight coming off windshields parked in a row and your blinded -- your step is directed towards the sun for a few feet. If you go to the other side of the direct glare the angle is flatter and you can be blinded by chrome fenders and such. When you're on the proper side look back at the windshields that blinded you previously only to find that now they will reveal every bug that's been smashed on the glass for the past six months. Follow that line sight back to you and you will see every piece of garbage very clearly right up to your feet. You will be astonished at the detail and the filth that you now notice.

All of us have the ability to remove colors and patterns from our sight so we can better see that which we are searching for. Look down on the floor or surface beneath you now and remove the color/ pattern on linoleum or carpet and notice the dirt. Sorry. Walking into the 'big box' remove the asphalt (black) at the direction that keeps you in the angle of best light and again you will notice in minute detail all the garbage. This technique is important to master because the Sunstones are clear with only slight coloring so removing the tan sand color is important.

When you start your search you will have determined the correct direction to wonder around the desert. You will be able to see the stones from quite a distance because they will glow like, you guessed it, diamonds. Setting sunlight is great for looking at dunes that have little elevation. (hunting Opals on the southern part of Summer Lake will emit a blue glow. Opals are any rock that is translucent with the color blue in it). When you spot that treasure from a distance DO NOT remove your eyes from

## SUNSTONES

Opinion by the Prospector



*Oregon Sunstones raw to faceted and everything inbetween*

that very spot or you will end up like every other prospector with a story to tell about the treasure that slipped thru your fingers.

Sunstones can come in different colors: red to green and even copper in the center. Most stone are the color of the sun thus giving them their name. When you find one with color and copper you are allowed to yell, Eureka! A red and green combination called the 'watermelon' found in public digging recently sold for twenty thousand dollars. Wholesale! There are buyers hanging around the little burg called Plush.

Now train your eyes to notice anything round and straight. This will pay in spades when artifact

hunting (anything round is not natural and needs to be investigated).

Take a break from your prospecting and visit Hart Lake and drive the eastern road and enjoy the petroglyphs that line the five-mile-long lake. This area is also considered by some to be a bird watcher's heaven.

On the southern tip called the Narrows the Shoshoni Warriors held the Army at bay for two and a half years' not letting them across the road that is now sinking away. The evidences of this battle are clearly visible. Native Americans have been using these rock deposits since the beginning of their arrival here and artifacts made with Sunstones are simply priceless.

A Lakeview resident, Gene Favel found an arrowhead made from Fire Opal and based his museum Favel Museum in Klamath Falls around it. Gene Favel told this prospector that the moment he found this spectacular piece, he valued it at well over one million dollars. The find was on top of that flat plateau right above Hart Lake.

To get the kids interested in prospecting tell them that hunting Sunstones is like an Easter Egg Hunt and there are no 'goose eggs' only Golden Ones! If they are taller than sagebrush you won't lose sight of them.

WHY NOW!?? We had a very gorgeous winter with stones moving their natural way to the surface. The farmers have been preparing the fields creating lots of dust. We all know what's around the corner in the weather, spring rains! Low and Behold! First come, first server, prospecting rule number two. Rule number one, There ain't no rules. With seven square miles to hunt that leaves plenty of room for 'social distancing'

**HAPPY HUNTING!! Rest in Peace Gene**

## We're Doing Business from page 10

to order or order at the counter. They will also be offering custom Mother's Day Flower Arrangements.

**The Hay Shed Pizza, Burgers and More** is open Tues - Sat from 3pm to 7pm for take-out only. Curbside delivery available. 541-640-6712.

**The Lakeside Restaurant** is serving their regular menu items as take-out only with curbside delivery offered as an option. Their hours are Mon - Sat from 6:30am to 7pm. To order or for more information call 541-576-2510

**Silver Lake Cafe** has been closed for renovations and plans to reopen around the first of May. Their hours of operation will depend on directives from the Governor's office. For information call 541-576-2185.

### Businesses:

**Ann's Styling Salon** closed due to the Governor's mandate.

**Christmas Valley Park and Recreation's** lobby is closed to visitors. Please communicate via phone, email, or the office drop-box.

**Christmas Valley Golf Course** can be played. Currently there is no cart rental. Players are asked to respect safe distancing and to sanitize the Kiosk after dropping greens fees.

**Handde Pump and Electric** is maintaining regular hours, however the store's interior is closed to customers. You are asked to call in you order and pay over the phone and the staff will put your order together.

**KBE** is open during regular business hours and says they would appreciate customers calling in and placing orders, making payments, etc., and scheduling a pick-up time as a way to protect employees and the public.

**Oregon Country Realty** is operational but the office is closed.

Shara Shumway says she may occasionally make an appointment but will be working remotely and virtually for the most part.

**Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union** has their lobby closed and are working with customers by appointment only. Customers are encouraged to use Night Deposit, Online banking and Banking by phone.

**Patty Effingham's** office is keeping the lobby closed. If you need assistance you are asked to call and make an appointment. Patty said that currently they are not doing any notarizations.

**Point S Tire and Auto Service North Lake** is keeping regular hours but currently the lobby is closed.

**Robbins Equipment** is keeping regular hours. They have provided detailed instructions for customers and currently their lobby is open but customers may not do their own shopping.

**Santa's General Store** is keeping regular hours, limiting number of customers in the store and will do will do call-in shopping and payment.

**Stellar Nails by Mindy** will remain closed until the Governor's mandate is lifted.

**The Willows and Willows West** are closed, however they are willing to schedule one-on-one appointments. Laura says they are doing their part and the she is enjoying being a homebody.

### Changes and Cancellations:

**Library** - check their website to discover what they are offering.

**Soup Kitchen** - take out only

**Bingo** is canceled until further notice.

**NA and Celebrate recovery** - no face to face meetings but facilitators from both organizations will be available. See page 8.



PUBLIC NOTICE  
Obsidian Solar Center



Public Hearing on the Draft Proposed Order and Request for Comments

Summary:

Notice Date: April 29, 2020

Draft Proposed Order Issued Date: March 12, 2020

**Proposal:** Application for Site Certificate (ASC) from Obsidian Solar Center LLC (a wholly owned subsidiary of Obsidian Renewables, LLC; applicant) for a proposed approximately 400 megawatt alternating current (MWac) photovoltaic solar energy facility on approximately 3,921 acres of nonarable land (includes a “reasons exception” request to the statewide policy embodied in Goal 3, Agricultural Lands).

**Proposed Facility Location:** North Lake County, approximately eight miles northwest of Christmas Valley and seven miles southeast of Fort Rock.

**Draft Proposed Order Review:** The draft proposed order (DPO) was issued on March 12, 2020, which opened a public comment period. Written comments may be submitted per the instructions in this notice. An opportunity to submit oral comments on the DPO will be provided and presided over by a third-party hearing officer from the Oregon Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH), appointed by the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). Under Governor Kate Brown’s Executive Order 20-16, issued on April 15, 2020, this hearing will be held remotely via teleconference/webinar detailed below to encourage public participation and ensure the safety of staff and the public during the COVID-19 emergency:

Teleconference/Webinar Public Hearing Information:

Date: May 21, 2020

Start Time: 5:30 p.m.

End Time: 7:00 p.m., or later based on public participation

Teleconference/Webinar

Zoom Presentation:

<https://zoom.us/j/99010585686>

*ODOE strongly recommends joining the Zoom meeting online, if possible. When you join, please use your full name to help staff manage public comments. Additional information will be provided at the hearing about how to provide an oral comment using Zoom features.*

Join Webinar by Phone: +1-253-215-8782

Webinar ID for Call-In Feature: 990 1058 5686

**Comment Deadline:** May 21, 2020, at the close of the hearing listed above.

**Description of Proposed Facility:** The proposed facility, including related or supporting facilities, includes approximately 400 MWac of photovoltaic solar energy generation equipment to be located on approximately 3,921 acres of nonarable land.

Equipment includes solar modules, tracking systems, posts, cabling, inverter/transformer units (approx. 160); 34.5 kilovolt (kV) collection system; up to 4 collector substations (1 acre/each); up to two operations and maintenance buildings; perimeter/internal roads (approx. 50 miles) and perimeter fencing (approx. 18 miles); 50 MW of battery (flow) storage equipment; 115 kV transmission line (approx. 2 miles); and, a 115/500 kV step-up substation and point of interconnection.

**Location of Proposed Facility:** The proposed facility would be located within a site boundary of approximately 3,921 acres. The proposed site boundary is located within Lake County, approximately eight miles northwest of Christmas Valley. A map of the proposed facility and site boundary is included at the end of this notice. Specific locational maps can be found in ASC Exhibit C at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/OSC.aspx> and on ODOE’s online mapping tool: <https://tinyurl.com/EFSCmap>.

**Overview:** On October 17, 2019, the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), staff to EFSC, received a complete ASC from the applicant. The complete ASC seeks approval from EFSC to construct and operate the Obsidian Solar Center (proposed facility). Under Oregon law, the applicant must obtain approval of the ASC and be granted a site certificate from EFSC in order to construct and operate the proposed facility. On March 12, 2020, ODOE posted additional information to the ASC on the project webpage listed above. On the same date, ODOE issued a DPO on the ASC. The DPO recommends EFSC approve the ASC and issue a site certificate, subject to recommended conditions of approval. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of a webinar/teleconference public hearing on the DPO on Thursday, May 21, 2020 and of an opportunity to provide comments on the DPO, extending from March 12, 2020 through May 21, 2020 at the close of the DPO hearing. Please note that this is the second public notice of the availability of the DPO and any comments already submitted to ODOE after the first March 12, 2020 public notice do not need to be resubmitted.

**Public Hearing and Comment Period:** A public hearing on the DPO, conducted by the EFSC-appointed third-party OAH hearings officer will be held remotely via teleconference/webinar on Thursday, May 21, 2020. The hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will include a brief overview by ODOE staff on the siting process and proposed facility, followed by the hearing officer, who will provide an overview of the hearing format.

Oral comments may be provided at the teleconference/webinar public hearing. Written comments must be submitted by mail, email hand-delivery or fax to the hearing officer, in care of:

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Salem, OR 97301  
Phone: (503) 373-0214  
Fax: 503-373-7806  
Email: [Kellen.Tardaewether@oregon.gov](mailto:Kellen.Tardaewether@oregon.gov)

Written comments **must be received by the comment deadline of Thursday, May 21, 2020 at the close of the public hearing.** Comments on the DPO will not be accepted after May 21, 2020, which represents the close of the record of the public comments on the DPO for the proposed facility.

**EFSC Review Process:** The site certificate process is a consolidated, comprehensive siting process. The applicant must demonstrate that the proposed facility meets EFSC standards established under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 469.501 and set forth in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapters 345, Divisions 22 and 24, as well as all other applicable Oregon statutes, rules and standards. ODOE serves as staff to EFSC and conducts the application review process.

The proposed facility is an energy facility subject to EFSC jurisdiction under the definition in ORS 469.300(11)(a)(D)(iii). As such, the proposed facility must receive approval from EFSC of a site certificate prior to construction.

To be eligible to participate in a contested case proceeding, a person must raise an issue either in person at the public hearing or in a written comment submitted on or after March 12, 2020 and received by ODOE before the record closes on May 21, 2020 (close of the public hearing). Even if a person commented before March 12, 2020, that person must raise an issue(s), either via oral comment at the teleconference/webinar public hearing or in writing during the comment period to be eligible to participate in the contested case. For consideration in the contested case, issues raised must be within the EFSC’s jurisdiction and must be








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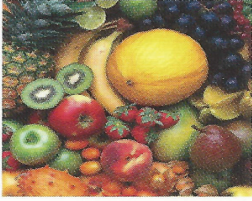
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CV Water Board - 2nd Wed at 1pm at CV Community Hall  
EMS - 2nd Wed at 7pm at EMS Building  
FT Rock Grange - 2nd Wed at 6:30pm at Grange  
Ft Rock Historical Society - 2nd Tues-10am at the Museum

FR/SL SWCD - 2nd Thurs at noon at Silver Lake Fire Hall  
Lake Co. Hay & Forage - 1st Thurs at 6pm at Lodge at Summer Lake  
Lions Club - 2nd Mon at 6:30 am at Silver Lake Fire Hall  
NA Wednesdays at CV Community Hall at 7pm  
NL Health District - 1st Mon at 5pm at North Lake Clinic  
NL School Board - 2nd Mon at 5:30pm at the NL School library.  
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