

# COMMUNITY

## New Year's resolutions for Sisters folks

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Correspondent

The beginning of a new year provides folks with a fresh start and an opportunity to begin again. Every year, January 1 gives us hope for the future and the ability to shut the door on the past.

It is the day we resolve to leave the past behind and move forward, it allows for a magical sense of renewal and

a chance to start fresh.

It is the day to fill ourselves up with courage and tell ourselves this is the year we will start doing more of the things we want and stop doing the things that don't matter.

Setting New Year's resolutions is believed to go as far back as Babylonian times. It's said that Julius Caesar started the tradition of making

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Kaleb Kelleher, Aaron-Andre Miller, Hobbs Magaret, Jim Goodwin and Patrick Pearsall.

## Sisters had a warm, wet December

According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Sisters averaged warmer than normal during the month of December.

The average temperature was 33 degrees, which was 2.9 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 42.1 degrees, which was 3.2 degrees above normal. The highest was 58 degrees on December 10. Low temperatures averaged 23.8 degrees, which was 2.6 degrees above normal. The lowest was -9 degrees, on December 31.

There were 27 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees. There were four days when the high temperature stayed below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 3.17

inches during December, which was 1.20 inches above normal. Measurable precipitation — at least .01 inch — was received on 11 days with the heaviest, 1.87 inches reported on December 22.

Snowfall totaled 0.8 inches. The heaviest snowfall was 0.8 inches reported on December 30. The greatest depth of snow on the ground was three inches.

The highest wind gust was 45 mph on December 11.

The outlook for January from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above-normal temperatures and below-normal precipitation. Normal highs for Sisters during January are 40.6 degrees and normal lows are 22.8 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.89 inches.

## Band launches with Belfry show

By **Jim Cornelius**  
News Editor

Hobbs the Band will launch its progressive blues-rock into the fertile musical ether of Sisters Country with a potent show at The Belfry on Friday, January 9.

In addition to serving as the launch-pad for a new music powerhouse, the event, titled "Capricornucopia," will also feature an extraordinary psychedelic visual element provided by Circus Luminescence. Founded by Eli March, the innovative troupe creates an ultraviolet universe of infinite imagination, with award-winning juggling, theatre, flow arts, live music, and high times.

Each member of the newly configured Hobbs the Band has been an important fixture of the Central Oregon music

scene for years. The band features Hobbs Magaret (guitar), Jim Goodwin (saxophone and synthesizer), Aaron-Andre Miller (keyboards), Patrick Pearsall (bass) and Kaleb Kelleher (drums). The band that will perform at Capricornucopia represents an evolution of style and content through the combination of the talents and personality of each member.

"These guys are really great musicians," said Goodwin. "It's a privilege, really to play with them... It's a joy. The music is rippin'... I think for me, the word is, it soars. It's just got this largeness to it."

The progressive aspect of the music — sophisticated chord voicings and jazz-inflected stylings, make the music challenging and engaging both to play and to

hear. "It requires a lot of work," Goodwin said, "a lot of rehearsal, a lot of study, a lot

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of practice.” That work gets done in a rehearsal space in the Sisters Industrial Park dubbed The Blue Keep. The facility was once a daycare center, and it continues to live up to its heritage: "Still a bunch of kids

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### SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

#### BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

- ALANON** Monday, noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Wednesday, 6 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-8737 or 541-549-1527.
- Alcoholics Anonymous** Thursday & Sunday, 7 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration • Saturday, 8 a.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration • Monday, 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Tuesday, noon, Big Book study, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Thursday, noon, Sober Sisters Women Meeting, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-548-0440.
- Black Butte Macintosh Users Group** 3rd Thursday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-1471.
- Black Butte Ranch Bridge Club** Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., Black Butte Ranch community room. All welcome; partner required. 541-595-6236.
- Central Oregon Council on Aging Senior Lunch** Tuesdays, noon, Sisters Community Church. 541-678-5483.
- Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild** 4th Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For location information: 541-549-2072.

- Central Oregon Woodworkers Guild** 1st Monday. 541-610-9022.
- East of the Cascades Quilt Guild** 4th Wednesday, September-June, Stitchin' Post. All are welcome. 541-549-6061.
- Friends of the Sisters Library Board of Directors** 2nd Tuesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Sisters Library. Public is welcome. 541-977-8285.
- Heartwarmers** (fleece blanketmakers) 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Just bring scissors! 503-880-5832.
- Hero Quilters of Sisters** Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m. 541-549-6933.
- Military Parents of Sisters** 2nd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Ray's Food Place community room. 541-647-7483.
- Oregon Band of Brothers – Sisters Chapter** Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Takoda's Restaurant. 541-408-5594.
- SAGE (Senior Activities, Gatherings & Enrichment)** Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m. at SPRD. 541-549-2091.
- Sisters Area Photography Club** 2nd Wednesday, 4 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-6157.
- Sisters Area SketchUp Users Group** 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Earthwood Timber Frame Homes. 541-549-0924.

- Sisters Astronomy Club** 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., SPRD. 541-549-8846.
- Sisters Bridge Club** Thursdays, 12:30 p.m., The Pines Clubhouse. Novices welcomed. 541-549-9419.
- Sisters Cribbage Club** Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Ray's Food Place community room. All are welcome. 541-923-1632.
- Sisters Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors** 4th Tuesday, 6 p.m. Location information: 541-549-1193.
- Sisters Kiwanis** Thursdays, 7 a.m., Brand 33 Restaurant at Aspen Lakes. 541-410-2870.
- Sisters Red Hats** 1st Friday. Location information: 541-389-9554.
- Sisters Rotary** Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-977-6545.
- Sisters Trails Alliance Board Meeting** 2nd Thursday, 8 to 9:30 a.m., The Pines Clubhouse. 541-719-8822.
- Sisters Veterans** Thursdays, noon, Bronco Billy's Ranch. 541-480-8638.
- Three Sisters Irrigation District Board of Directors** 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m., TSID Office. 541-549-8815.
- Three Sisters Lions Club** 3rd Monday, noon, Ray's Food Place community room. 541-595-6967.

- VFW 8138 & American Legion** 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Service officer available. 541-903-1123 or 541-480-8638.
- CITY & PARKS**
- Sisters City Council** 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.
- Sisters Park & Recreation District Board of Directors** 1st Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., SPRD building. The public is welcome. 541-549-2091.
- Sisters Planning Commission** 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.
- FIRE & POLICE**
- Black Butte Ranch Police Dept. Board of Directors** Meets monthly. 541-595-2191 for time & date.
- Black Butte Ranch RFPD Board of Directors** 4th Thursday, 9 a.m., Black Butte Ranch Fire Station. 541-595-2288.
- Cloverdale RFPD Board of Directors** 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Main Station, George Cyrus Rd. 541-548-4815. See the agenda at [www.cloverdalefire.com](http://www.cloverdalefire.com).

- Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Board of Directors** 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.
- Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Drills** Mondays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.
- SCHOOLS**
- Black Butte School Board of Directors** 2nd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Black Butte School. 541-595-6203.
- Sisters Christian Academy Board of Directors** 2nd Thursday, 8 a.m., RE/MAX Revolution office at Outlaw Station. 541-549-4133.
- Sisters School District Board of Directors** One Wednesday per month at the School District Administration Building. See schedule online at [www.sisters.k12.or.us](http://www.sisters.k12.or.us). 541-549-8521 x4011.

