

# C O M M U N I T Y

## Sisters restaurant boosts local nonprofits

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Dine for a Cause is a new program being offered by The Open Door wine bar and bistro and the Rickards family, as a way to give back to the community.

Each month a different nonprofit organization will be featured and receive 10 percent of the gross receipts for every Tuesday of the month. By

using the gross receipts, both the Rickards and the patrons are contributing.

Dan and Julia Rickards have lived, worked and raised their family in Sisters for 20 years. Dan is a local artist, well-known for his landscape and wildlife paintings. Three years ago, the Rickards moved their gallery to the southwest corner of Hood and Oak,

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## Science Fair expands roster of exhibitors

The upcoming Sisters Science Fair, scheduled for February 21, noon to 4 p.m. at Sisters High School, has expanded its out-of-district exhibitors this year.

In addition to student presentations and competitions, the Science Fair will feature exhibitors from Central Oregon to pique scientific interest.

The Central Oregon Rocket Club will display rockets, and members will explain the ins and outs of rocket science to anyone who asks “How?” “What?” “Why?” Spectators can then take their newfound knowledge outside at 1 and 3 p.m. to watch club members launch rockets on the high school front lawn.

Sisters company ENERGY-neering Solutions, Inc. will display some of their projects and offer some 3-D printer

displays. Another Sisters company, MOHR Solutions, will be on hand to talk about their innovative power and telecommunications firm.

St. Charles Education and Cascades East will be bringing “Carl,” their interactive mannequin, to teach basic life support.

Chimps, Inc. wildlife sanctuary and USFS Trout Unlimited represent the science of animals. Last year’s trout stream was extremely popular, and Trout Unlimited will be bringing it back with even more hands-on instruction.

Another popular exhibit at previous fairs has been the planetarium where you can view the night sky from inside the dome. Sisters Astronomy Club and Oregon Observatory at Sunriver will be on hand to answer questions.



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A crew from Sisters helped build a home in Kyrgyzstan – and they’re making plans to go again.

## Sisters Habitat builds in Kyrgyzstan

In September 2014, Sisters Habitat for Humanity sent a team of four to work with Habitat for Humanity International to complete a home-building project in the village of Barskoon, Kyrgyzstan.

The team, known as “Small But Mighty,” consisted of Jack and MaryAnne McDonnell, Kevin Neary, all Sisters residents, and Gus Bigos, Neary’s brother-in-law from Colorado.

During the two-week build, the last of the season in Barskoon, the team was able to complete the work that can be done by volunteers

and turn the project over to local professionals to finish the home for a family of four.

On Tuesday, February 17, Jack and MaryAnne will give a slideshow and presentation about the build, and the beautiful country of Kyrgyzstan, known as “the Switzerland of Central Asia.” The presentation will take place at Sisters City Hall at 7 p.m.

The McDonnells found this trip to be such a rewarding and fulfilling experience that they are planning to return to Kyrgyzstan in September 2015 for another

Habitat for Humanity International build.

Sisters Habitat for Humanity is seeking adventurous volunteers to join the McDonnells. No building experience is required, only a desire to help a family in need of a decent home while learning about each other’s cultures in the process.

For more information on the upcoming build contact Sharlene Weed at Sisters Habitat for Humanity at 541-549-1193, sharlene@sistershabitat.org or MaryAnne and Jack at 541-549-6337 or jmjaaneho@msn.com.

### 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.

