

# COMMUNITY

## Guitar-maker and music fest team up

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It's a natural harmony: a nationally renowned premier guitar maker and a nationally renowned music festival. The duo has come together in Sisters to hit a sweet note of mutual support and benefit.

Preston Thompson Guitars has made a rapid and impressive mark in the world of quality acoustic instruments since opening its manufacturing facility on Main Avenue in Sisters at the end of 2013. It's a return to a career that Thompson started in the 1970s, recreating the classic

American sound produced by Golden Age Martin Guitars of the 1930s.

Meanwhile, the Sisters Folk Festival has built a reputation as one of the finest music festivals in the country, attractive to audiences and artists alike for the beauty of the setting, the quality of the venues and the commitment to the music.

Next week, the festival will host its "other" major event — the annual My Own Two Hands (MOTH) fundraiser, which features an art stroll and party on Friday,

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Sisters Little League play got underway this month.

## Community prayer breakfast set in Sisters

Members of the Sisters community will gather in fellowship on Thursday, May 7, for the third annual Sisters Community Prayer Breakfast sponsored by Sisters Christian Academy.

Doors open at 7 a.m. at the Sisters Community Church auditorium and the program will end by 8:45 a.m. The event will include a continental breakfast and feature regional participants. The event is held in conjunction with the 64th National Day of Prayer, which is celebrated each year on the first Thursday of May.

The keynote speaker is

Olympian Dave Johnson, bronze medal winner in the decathlon in the 1992 Summer Olympics. Johnson was part of Reebok's Dan & Dave advertising campaign leading up to the 1992 Olympics. He was inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame in 2005.

Dave presently is a motivational speaker, author of "Aim High: An Olympic Decathlete's Inspiring Story," and serves as director for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

This year's program facilitator is John Roberts. Roberts

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## Scholarship fund gets kids on the field

Since its inception in 2010, which grew from a terrible tragedy for a Sisters family in 2009, the Ian Ferguson Memorial Scholarship Fund has helped more than 75 athletes play baseball in Sisters.

Approximately 125 girls and boys play Little League ball in Sisters, and the Ian Ferguson Memorial Scholarship Fund has been able to scholarship nearly 10 percent of those players every year.

Ian "Fergie" Ferguson, a standout athlete for the Sisters Outlaws (1997) died in a 2009 car accident in Fresno, California. Many of Ian's co-workers asked the family how they could honor his memory. Ian loved baseball and Little League, and a scholarship fund was started in his name in 2010. This special fund is to be held for the exclusive

purpose of providing league membership dues or equipment to children in need that would otherwise be unable to play Little League baseball for financial reasons.

Over the past five years, Sisters Little League has gifted over \$5,900 in scholarships to Sisters Country youth; including both full and partial registration fees and equipment for athletes in need.

"It's hard to think of someone who better represented the 'ideal' character of not only our town of Sisters, but also youth sports," said Mary (Ferguson) Dethlefs, Ian's sister. "He was fun-loving, loyal, hard-working, fair and honest; these are the qualities we hope to help encourage by helping kids from this community participate in such a great organization."

"We have been so honored to manage this scholarship fund for the last five years for the children of Sisters," said Jamie Vohs, secretary/treasurer for Sisters Little League. "Ian was a special young man who was dedicated to Sisters youth and his passion for baseball was infectious. This is a great way to honor his memory."

The 2015 Little League season kicked off on Saturday, April 18 with opening ceremonies on the Little League south field (directly behind Sisters Community Church). Sisters Little League invites Sisters Country residents to come out and support our young athletes at a game. Games are held throughout the week for different age groups; a complete schedule

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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.

**Authors Support Group** 2nd Friday, 10 a.m., Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce. 541-588-0081.

**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 Spinners and Weavers Guild** 4th Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Sisters Library. 541-639-3217.

**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** Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. 541-549-1028 or 541-548-3304.

**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: 541-279-1977.

**Sisters Rotary** Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-977-6545.

**Sisters Trails Alliance Board of Directors** 2nd Wed., 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Pines Clubhouse. 541-719-8822.

**Sisters Veterans** Thursdays, noon, Takoda's Restaurant. 541-903-1123.

**Three Sisters Irrigation District Board of Directors** 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m., TSID Office. 541-549-8815.

**Three Sisters Lions Club** 2nd Tuesday, 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 541-549-1132.

#### 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, SSD Admin Bldg. See schedule at [www.sisters.k12.or.us](http://www.sisters.k12.or.us). 541-549-8521 x4011.

