

# COMMUNITY

## Art lovers set to go Around the Block

While quilting is the obvious focus of the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show, its organizers also recognize and promote the infinite variety of fiber arts that express crafters' creativity.

The SOQS honors those artists with the 12th annual Around the Block Fiber Arts Stroll. The event is set for

noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 5, at sponsoring businesses in downtown Sisters.

The fiber art stroll is a free, self-guided walk featuring more than 25 artist demonstrations and special exhibits of textile-related arts and quilting. Visitors will be able to

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## Heat can be deadly for your pet

By **Jodi Schneider McNamee**  
Correspondent

A torrid heatwave has shifted into high gear. It broke at least seven June record highs in the Northwest, and weather forecasts indicate that it will extend through early July.

With record temperatures in Central Oregon, it is important to keep your pet in mind when it comes to keeping cool.

Summertime may be the time for walking and playing in the sunshine with Fido, but unfortunately your furry friend has a much harder time keeping cool than you, especially when temperatures are on the rise.

Be mindful of the heat and keep your dog cool to protect him from heat-related illness and injury. Heatstroke in dogs is a potential killer — but it is easy to avoid.

Leaving your pet in a parked car can be a deadly mistake. The temperature inside a car can reach 120 degrees in a few minutes. Even partially open windows won't protect your furry friend from heatstroke! (See *temperature chart on page 32.*)

### PARKED CARS ARE DEATHTRAPS FOR DOGS.

While people can identify signs of exhaustion or stress, it can be harder to determine when pets are distressed. According to Oregon Humane Society, excessive thirst, heavy panting, lethargy, drooling, vomiting and an internal temperature of 104 degrees are all signs of heat stress.

Karen Burns, shelter manager for the Humane Society of Central Oregon (HSCO), warns people to keep their pets safe from the dangers of warm temperatures. According to

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PHOTO BY DIANE GOBLE

David and Leah Tolle, center, celebrated the opening of Anna's Home last Saturday.

## Anna's Home opens in Sisters

By **Diane Goble**  
Correspondent

Absolute Serenity Senior Care, LLC, opened its second licensed adult foster-care facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house on Saturday, June 27. The newly built and beautifully landscaped home is part of the first phase of Adams Avenue Commons at the northwest corner of Fir Street and Adams Avenue.

Before cutting the ribbon, owners Leah and David Tolle talked to the dozens of guests who attended about their path to opening this facility and introduced the local builders and contractors who made it all possible.

The Tolles dedicated each home to honor a much-loved former resident. The original home on Rope Street will be

renamed Helen's House after their very first resident, and the new one will be called Anna's Home.

After opening their first home and being the live-in caregivers, they quickly learned they wouldn't just be taking care of people — they would be inheriting family members. Their own growing family of three boys, who all attend Sisters schools, have had many grandparents growing up, and have learned a lot about sharing and caring for elders.

When David first approached developer Sam Blackwell to inquire about the building housing the pre-school as a possible second location, Blackwell told him he owned the whole lot and was looking to develop it. He brought the idea to architect Chris Mayes and

contractor Doug Hull, and Adams Avenue Commons was the result of their collaboration. Eventually there will be another adult foster-care home, several apartments and some commercial space, which David thinks would be perfect for therapists or a medical facility.

David and Leah met in high school, married after graduation and later merged their career paths. She became a CNA, and her first caregiver job was for David's great-grandma. She was able to help him get into his first position in the assisted-living facility as maintenance director. From there, he worked his way up through the ranks to become regional director of operations.

They both became

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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. 541-419-1279.

**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.

