

Schools foundation reviewing funding requests

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Correspondent

Twice a year — in fall and spring, the Sisters Schools Foundation (SSF) provides a financial shot in the arm to school programs that don't get adequate funding through cash-strapped general budget.

"There are significant needs that come forth every year that the budget can't address when you have continual cuts," said SSF chair Julie York.

The board of directors for the nonprofit foundation is getting set to review the requests recently sent in by teachers and program directors from all three public schools.

While the board must determine how dollars are allocated, they aren't sitting in judgment of the validity of requests or deciding what gets funded based on their own preferences.

"One of the things we try to do is support the priorities of the administration and staff," said board member Treasure Lewis. "It's not our place to decide what's important."

In the past, SSF has funded a ceramics firing kiln; P.E. equipment; 8th-grade retreat; 6th-grade writing curriculum; and outdoor school. The foundation has purchased

iPads and Chromebooks to meet classroom technology requirements. Sometimes the foundation fully funds a request; sometimes there is only partial funding. In such cases, foundation members can often provide guidance for where a requesting teacher can seek additional funding.

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— Julie York

The bulk of the foundation's funds come from the Starry Nights Concert Series. Economic shifts and changes in the music industry have made staging those fundraising concerts more challenging and reduced the annual revenue the foundation can reap from them.

Still, the board is quick to thank the Starry Nights Committee for continuing to provide a vehicle for significant fundraising. They also singled out Hoodoo Mountain Resort, which donated \$50,000 to the foundation despite facing a couple of very tough years due to low snowfall.

Individual donations are another critical source of funds. Those donations can be made to the foundation generally or targeted to certain programs the donor wishes to support. Since it's an all-volunteer organization, the SSF has extremely low overhead; virtually 100 percent of donated funds go to programs.

The more funds the foundation raises, the more programs can be supported and

the more robust the funding support can be.

"We would love to be able to fund 100 percent of the requests our teachers give us," Lewis said.

York notes that support from the community, through the Sisters Schools Foundation, has enabled Sisters to maintain a rich educational environment despite dire economic circumstances.

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if you look across the state, have all been cut," she said.

Because of donated support, there are "incredible, enriched education programs here."

Donations can be made to SSF at Sisters Schools Foundation, P.O. Box 2155, Sisters, OR 97759 or there is a PayPal link at the foundation's website, which can be found through www.sisters.k12.or.us.

SISTERS ENTERTAINMENT, ARTS, SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday~Oct. 15

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards Live Music with The Substitutes 6 to 9 p.m. \$5 cover. For more information call 541-526-5075 or go to faithhopeandcharityevents.com.

Friday~Oct. 16

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards Live Music with Hecktic Week 6 to 9 p.m. \$5 cover. For more information call 541-526-5075 or go to faithhopeandcharityevents.com.

Saturday~Oct. 17

The Belfry Live Music with Curtis Salgado 8 p.m. Award-winning vocalist/songwriter/harmonica icon. Info: 541-815-9122 or belfryevents.com.

HarmonyHouse Benefit Concert with Dana Lyons 8 to 10 p.m. at 17505 Kent Rd. Doors open 7 p.m. for potluck or bring-your-own picnic, BYOB. Funds raised will go to Equine Outreach. \$25 online at equineoutreach.com or call Lynn at 541-419-4842.

Paulina Springs Books Author Slideshow with Steve Lent, "Central Oregon Place Names Volume III: Deschutes County" 6:30 p.m. Find out how the places around us were named. Refreshments will be served. \$5 admission refunded upon purchase of featured book. paulinasprings.com.

Sisters Ranger Station "Love It and Leave It" Clean Day 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hike with a ranger or trained volunteer to help clean up area trails. Sign up in advance: 541-390-2400 or go to centralcascades.org.

Sunday~Oct. 18

The Belfry Jim Anderson Lecture, "On Golden Eagle Wings" 1:30 p.m. Free! The Sisters Naturalist will discuss the status of golden eagles in Oregon. Presented by Friends of the Sisters Library. For more information call 541-410-9070.

Monday~Oct. 19

Sisters High School Auditorium re:Voiced in Concert with the Sisters High School Jazz Choir 7 p.m. \$10 students, \$15 adults (under 3 free) at the door. A fundraiser for the SHS Jazz Choir! For more info call 541-588-8435 or go online: musicrevoiced.com.

Wed.~Oct. 21

The Belfry Sisters Classic Old-Time Radio Experience 7 p.m. Live-radio performances from "My Friend Irma" and "Escape." Doors open 6 p.m.; donations gladly accepted. For more info call 541-548-0601.

Thursday~Oct. 22

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards Live Music with Reno & Cindy 6 to 9 p.m. \$5 cover. For more information call 541-526-5075 or go to faithhopeandcharityevents.com.

Friday~Oct. 23

Paulina Springs Books Author Reading & Signing with Kim Heacox, "Jimmy Bluefeather" 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. \$5 admission refunded upon purchase of featured book. For info: 541-549-0866 or go to paulinasprings.com.

The Belfry Live Music with Thomas Mafumo and the Blacks Unlimited 8 p.m. Pub opens one hour before the show. Info: 541-815-9122 or belfryevents.com.

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards Live Music with Dave & Melody 6 to 9 p.m. \$5 cover. For more information call 541-526-5075 or go to faithhopeandcharityevents.com.

Saturday~Oct. 24

FivePine Lodge Happy Girls Sisters 5K Run 9:30 a.m. It's the annual race through downtown Sisters! Register at happygirlsrunsisters.com or call 541-323-0964 for info.

Sunday~Oct. 25

The Belfry Christopher Paul Stelling in Concert 7 p.m. \$15 adults, \$10 youth (18 & under). NYC songwriter with a unique imagination, voice and guitar. Tickets or info: 541-549-4979 or sistersfolkfestival.org.

Tuesday~Oct. 27

The Belfry Sisters Science Club Presentation 7 p.m. Geologist Dr. Danielle McKay will discuss the science of predicting Oregon's next big earthquake and tsunami. Doors open at 6 p.m. 541-419-4679 or sistersscienceclub.org.

Thursday~Oct. 29

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards Live Music! 6 to 9 p.m. \$5 cover. For info call 541-526-5075 or go to faithhopeandcharityevents.com.

Friday~Oct. 30

Sisters High School OneBeat 7 p.m. Sisters Folk Festival and Caldera present 25 musicians from around the world! \$10 adults, \$5 youth 18 & under. For more information or tickets call 541-549-4979 or go online to sistersfolkfestival.org.

Fir Street Park Halloween Parade 3 p.m. Kids (up to age 10, in costume, with parents or caregivers) are invited to meet at the park. Register in advance at the Sisters Library and bring signed form to the park. A donation of non-perishable item for the Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank is requested. Info: 541-350-3085.

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards Live Music with Kim Kelley 6 to 9 p.m. \$5 cover. For more information call 541-526-5075 or go to faithhopeandcharityevents.com.

The Belfry Live Music with David Jacobs-Strain and the Crunk Mountain Boys 8 p.m. Halloween Costume Dance Party! Pub opens at 7 p.m. For more info: belfryevents.com.

The deadline to submit items for Events is 5 p.m. Fridays to teresa@nuggetnews.com

The Belfry

Oct. 17 / Sat. / 8 PM
Curtis Salgado
Award-winning vocalist/
songwriter/harmonica icon.

Oct. 21 / Wed. / 7 PM
+ **Sisters Classic**
+ **Old-Time**
+ **Radio Experience**

Oct. 23 / Fri. / 8 PM
+ **Thomas Mafumo**
+ **and the Blacks Unlimited**

Oct. 24 / Sat. / 9 PM
+ **Rocky Horror**
+ **Picture Show with**
+ **LIVE Shadow Cast!**

Oct. 30 / Fri. / 8 PM
Spooky Night at The Belfry
Halloween Costume
Dance Party
Music by **David**
Jacobs-Strain
and the **Crunk**
Mountain Boys

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BelfryEvents.com
Call for Details
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STARTS FRIDAY
FRI., OCT. 16 - THURS., OCT. 22

Bridge of Spies (PG-13)
Fri 4:30, 7:30
Sat 1:45, 4:45, 7:30
Sun 1:15, 4:00, 6:45
Mon-Thurs 4:00, 6:45

The Walk (PG)
Fri 7:15 • Sat 7:00
Sun-Wed 6:30

Pan (PG)
Fri 4:45, 7:00
Sat 2:00, 4:30, 7:00
Sun 1:30, 3:45, 6:00
Mon-Thurs 7:00

The Martian (PG-13)
Fri 4:15, 7:15
Sat 1:30, 4:15, 7:15
Sun 1:00, 3:45, 6:45
Mon-Thurs 4:00, 6:45

The Intern (PG-13)
Fri 4:45 • Sat 4:30
Sun 4:00 • Mon-Thurs 4:30

Unbranded (PG-13)
Sat 2:00 • Sun 1:45
Mon-Thurs 4:15

Rock the Kasbah (R)
Thurs, Oct 22 7:00

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