

# COMMUNITY

## Park exits to remain same; signage sought

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

By a 4-1 vote, the Parks Advisory Board (PAB) is recommending leaving the two ingress/egress points at the Creekside Campground in their current configuration, allowing exiting and entering on both S. Locust Street and on Desperado via Buckaroo Trail.

They are asking that the City of Sisters website be revised to include detailed instructions to campers for accessing the park from either direction. They have also recommended better signage on the highway for both

entrances, which is regulated by the Oregon Department of Transportation. Additionally, the PAB is recommending that the City review/revise the Transportation System Plan regarding possible changes at several intersections at the east end of town.

Campers approaching from the east on Highway 20 will be encouraged to turn left onto Buckaroo Trail and then right onto Desperado. Those coming from the west on Highway 20 will be directed to turn right on S. Locust. Those traveling from the east on Highway 126

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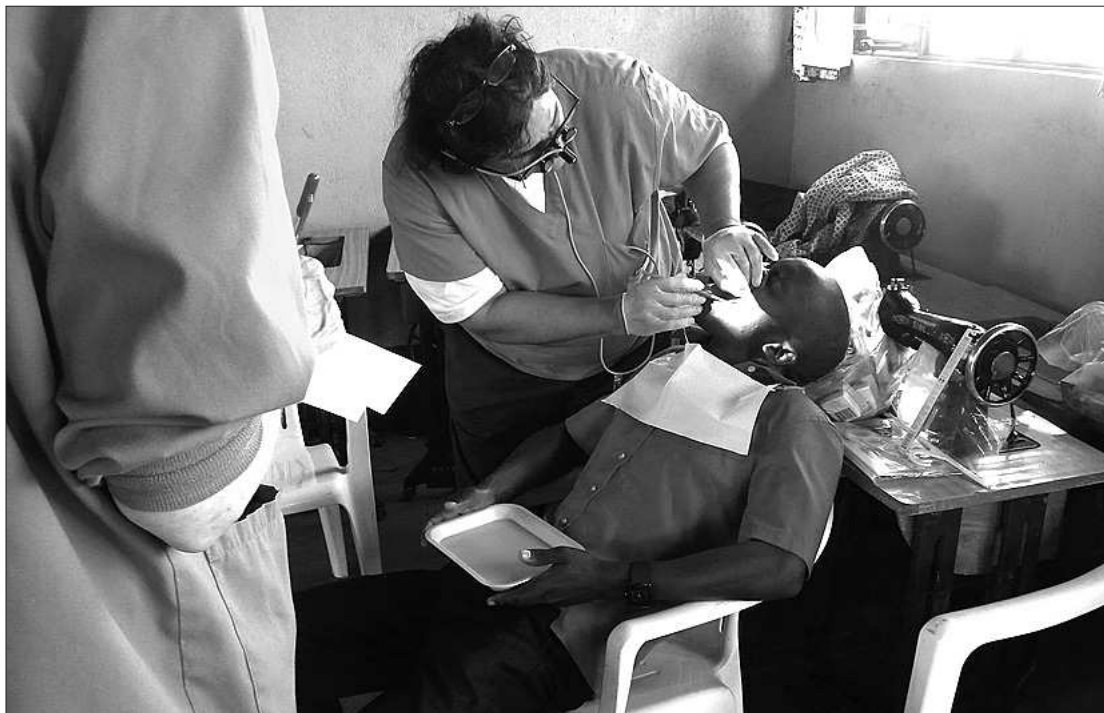


PHOTO BY JANET STORTON

Dentistry is a vital service in Uganda, where Janet Storton has been working for years.

## Sisters Folk Festival passes to go on sale

The Sisters Folk Festival is only two months gone, but the organization is already gearing up for next fall's event.

Passes for the 2016 festival, and registration for the Americana Song Academy, will go on sale at 9 a.m., November 16. The festival will run September 9-11, and the Americana Song Academy September 6-9, 2016. Passes and song academy registration will be available online and through the festival office.

After four consecutive sell-out years, organizers have decided to make available 500 early-bird, all-event passes. Last year they were gone in 10 hours. Early-bird passes are priced at \$115, and regular all-event passes are \$140.

"We see this as a great opportunity for patrons to receive discounted tickets for the festival, but you have to be ready as they sell quickly," says Creative Director Brad

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## Reaching from Sisters to Uganda

By Katy Yoder  
Correspondent

It's not often a woman from Sisters receives an invitation to meet with members of Parliament, let alone the President and first lady of an African nation. Last year, Janet Storton got that call from Uganda. Leading up to the trip, Storton had one thing on her mind: planning the meetings to discuss a life-changing topic dear to her heart.

It turned out that this journey would face greater obstacles and have implications far different than any previous one.

Since 2007, when Storton first traveled to Uganda, her passion and influence

has helped the village of Kapchorwa blossom. On her first trip, she brought two quilts for the children she and her husband, Peter, sponsored. The women had never seen anything like it, and they asked Janet to teach them how to create their own "blankets of color." Her once-in-a-lifetime trip soon turned into a life-long passion to help the women attain economic stability and skills they could share with others.

Storton began by teaching the local women how to sew, delivering sewing machines and later helping them start their own catering business, learning new cooking skills and better hygiene. The women named themselves "Sisters of the Heart" and

adopted the motto, "Women Empowering Women." With the new tools and knowledge, they began to lift themselves out of poverty.

On one of her trips, Storton heard about the plight of young women who needed a different kind of help. That's where her plan to provide a haven for girls who have been trafficked in the sex trade or were unable to get an education began, and the reason the Ugandan leaders wanted to talk to her. Storton's proposal included housing the girls and teaching them skills and a sustainable way out.

Two weeks before her departure, Storton began

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## SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

### BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

**Al-Anon** 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.

**Alateen** Thursday, 7 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 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.

**Celebrate Recovery** Thursdays, 7 p.m., Westside Church-Sisters Campus. 541-389-6859.

**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. 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. 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 Parent Teacher Community** 3rd Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Sisters Elementary School loft. 971-570-2405.

**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, 6 p.m., SPRD building. 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, 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.

