

That’s what Friends are for

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It’s been said that “volunteers make the world go ’round,” and indeed it does seem to be that way. Take the Friends of the Sisters Library (FOSL) for example.

Once a month, the volunteer members of the FOSL Board get together at the Sisters Library to make plans on how to make money to help keep the Sisters Library going smoothly and to pump a sizable amount of cash into the Deschutes Public Library System (DPLS).

At the moment the FOSL Board is operating with nine local volunteers, but it would work even smoother if they could get the full complement of 12 members. There’s a lot of work to be done.

The most obvious effort on the part of FOSL is the various art exhibits offered monthly in the cabinets as one walks into the foyer, the variety of art in the computer room and the always-changing Community Room.

One of the elements in the FOSL operations that requires constant attention — and produces income — is the Book Corner, located right next to the book return area at the north end of the library. It’s open Sundays and Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

The whole operation is



PHOTO BY JIM ANDERSON

Sisters quilt day at the Friends of the Sisters Library Book Corner.

run by volunteers, from the manager, Lynne Wood, who spends a lot of time making sure all the volunteers running the operation are there when they said they would be, and coordinating it with the DPLS crew running the library.

Some of the “local” books available in the Book Corner:

- “That Was Yesterday” by Tillie Wilson and Alice Scott, published in 2000 — A unique history of the town of Sisters, Oregon and the surrounding area.

- “Bringing in the Hay” by David A. Asson, 2003 — A nostalgic history of agriculture’s most romantic crop.

- “What’s Cooking In Sisters” by Charlotte Kiffe Milan, 2010 — Beautifully illustrated recipe collection gathered by the Friends of the Sisters Library.

In addition to the local

books available there are hundreds of (gently) used books. Anyone wanting to donate gently used books to FOSL can bring them in on either Sunday or Tuesday afternoon when the Book Corner is open.

If you have time to help out at the Book Corner, let Lynne know by contacting her at lwood7150@gmail.com.

Starting on “Black Saturday,” November 28, running through December 29, all books and electronic objects will sell four for the price of three, with all proceeds going toward supporting the Sisters Library programs, and other DPLS projects.

WEATHER: It’s going to be cold in Sisters Country

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Thursday morning, Sisters Ranger District reported recording nearly a half-inch of rainfall.

Rain and snow were forecasted this week, with the Thanksgiving holiday expected to dawn clear — and cold.

Cold temperatures and precipitation can cause problems for drivers, particularly in the early morning and late evening hours, when moisture on roadways freezes. Drivers should check their speed at these times and be especially alert in areas where roads are shaded for much of the day.

Sketchy conditions common to the season are likely to prevail on Santiam Pass in coming weeks, so holiday travelers should be alert and prepared.

The Oregon Department of

Transportation advises travelers to use www.tripcheck.com to check on road conditions before traveling. ODOT also recommends the following winter driving tips:

- Plan ahead, give yourself plenty of time.

- Adjust your driving for the conditions if there is ice or snow on the road.

- Be ready to handle potentially dangerous situations.

- Look for signs indicating when chains or traction tires are required, and chain-up early when you are required to do so.

- If you lose traction, slow down gradually — don’t slam on your brakes.

- Use extra caution when driving on bridges or concrete highways; ice forms first on these surfaces.

- Give snow-plows and road-maintenance equipment extra room and don’t pass snow-plows on the right (plow drivers will pull over to let you pass, so be patient).

- Don’t use cruise control in wet, icy, or snowy weather.

CORRECTION

Last week’s story “Sisters honors its veterans misstated John Turner’s rank. The

World War II veteran who was honored as the Bend Veterans Day Parade grand marshal held the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Air Force.

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