

COMMUNITY

Kiwanis Food Bank needs donations

Most Sisters residents are familiar with the Kiwanis Food Bank on Main Avenue. The food bank distributes food to hundreds of needy residents each month. Last month, for example, the food bank passed out 18,000 pounds of food to over 300 people.

The food bank is operated entirely by volunteers, including Kiwanis members and Sisters residents. It requires more than 200 hours of volunteer time to operate the food bank each month. The food bank has no paid staff; every-one volunteers their time.

There is a misconception the food bank only distributes

donated food. It is true that some food is donated; for example, Sisters High School just began a food drive to collect food. Local churches collect food and markets sell food baskets. These food donations are important, but most of the food distributed by the food bank is purchased with donated funds. Such financial support is critical; there could be no food bank without that support.

Donations are even more critical at Christmas due to the Spirit of Christmas Holiday Foodshare Program.

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PHOTO BY DIANE FIELDS

Porter and Audrey Goldsmith competing this summer.

Sisters gets ready to 'Speak Your Peace'

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Folks in Sisters will get down to work on enhancing civility in civic discourse on January 13-15 when community members and organizations will be introduced to Speak Your Peace: The Civility Project (SYP).

A new local non-profit corporation called Citizens4Community (C4C) will be hosting a series of eight meetings over three days, with presentations by and

discussions with Rob Karwath of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation that created the community-building initiative in 2003.

The Ford Family Foundation has provided a grant to enable C4C to introduce the program by bringing Karwath to Sisters. In addition to the grant, they have received donations of lodging and meals for Karwath, and meeting space for the January events.

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Porter continues his winning ways

By Kathryn Godsiff
Correspondent

Porter the mule has his own Facebook page. And every post garners several hundred likes.

The most recent has to do with the latest accomplishment achieved with his Sisters owner, Audrey Goldsmith. Porter, aka Heart B Lonesome Porter, became the first mule in United States Dressage Federation history to carry his rider to a Silver Rider Medal. (He previously took Goldsmith to her Bronze Medal, also a first.) The medals are recognition of achievement as a rider advances through the various levels of dressage.

Not bad for an animal started in serious dressage training because he tripped all the time. The slow and steady journey to the upper levels of dressage has strengthened Porter, says Goldsmith, and as long as he's willing and happy to participate, she'll keep him in the discipline.

That's one of the things about mules – if they're not happy about something they'll make it pretty darn clear. Other options for him are Cowboy Dressage and Combined Driving, both disciplines that welcome mules.

"Porter writes his own story," said Goldsmith.

He's been writing that story since his initial trot into a dressage court, and it's

generated some spirited discussion in the rarified world of dressage. There are some who think mules should stay in the backcountry. However, Porter has paved the way for others; last year a full sister of his competed at the National Dressage Finals in Kentucky, another first.

At age 12, Porter is in his prime and at present is enjoying a break from his regular training. He's going on trail rides and is being used as a schoolmaster for one of Goldsmith's students. Next season Goldsmith plans to show him at the same level as this year, Prix St. George.

Unless, of course, he has other ideas.

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.

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. 541-549-8521 x4011.

