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The northern flicker.

Sisters Country birds

By Douglas Beall
Correspondent

The flickers are now celebrating springtime by hammering on houses and metal chimneys all over Sisters.

Northern flickers (*Colaptes auratus*) are large, black-spotted woodpeckers that feed mainly on ants and beetles. They are often seen on lawns and sidewalks gleaning insects and may be seen in loose groups of 5-10 in late summer and fall.

A gathering of flickers is referred to as a "guttering" or "menorah."

The northern flicker occurs in either red-shafted west of the Rocky Mountains, or yellow-shafted in the eastern U.S., and will hybridize to yield various shaft color and

head pattern combinations.

Gaffer, hairy-wicket, heigh-ho, gawker and yellowhammer are just a few of the flicker's nicknames. In 1927, the "yellowhammer" became the state bird of Alabama.

Nesting in tree cavities, the northern flicker lays five to eight white eggs that incubate for 11-13 days and fledge in 24-27 days. Unlike other woodpeckers, they will often use the same nest in consecutive years.

Some northern flickers stay in our region year-round; however most migrate to warmer southern areas including Mexico and Cuba.

For more northern flicker photos visit <http://abirdsbecauseithasasong.com/recent-journeys>.

Obituary

Barbara Tuttle

May 26, 1923 – February 7, 2016

Barbara (Jesser) Tuttle was born in Anaheim, California, on May 26, 1923 and passed away in Bend on February 7. She was the daughter of Leland S. Jesser and Emma V. (Martin) Tuttle. Her husband, John Tuttle, preceded her in death. She is survived by daughter Marylee N. Dilley of Sisters, and sons, Mark E. Tuttle of Bend and Daniel J. Tuttle of Bakersfield, California, and their families.

Barbara was a teacher in Humboldt County, California schools, teaching elementary school students.

After retiring in Oregon,

she helped tutor foreign students at COCC in English and she was active at the High Desert Museum.

Burial will be at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Partners In Care, 2075 N.E. Wyatt Ct., Bend, OR 97701 or High Desert Museum, 59800 S. Hwy. 97, Bend, OR 97702.

Her family appreciates all the care she received from Home Instead and Partners In Care.

Visit the online registry for Barbara at www.niswonger-reynolds.com.

Kiwanis honors its volunteers

By Erin Borla
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The Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank and its volunteers work hard every month to support Sisters families that have fallen on hard times. Kerry Bott, the Kiwanis Board Member who oversees the food bank, hosted a volunteer appreciation party last week to honor all those who served at the food bank.

Bott noted in the February Kiwanis newsletter "It (The food bank) runs so well that it's easy for the rest of us to lose sight of the significant efforts and dedication from these folks that make it happen."

In the month of January 2016, over 12,000 pounds of food, valued at over \$18,700 went to 108 families in need; 30 Kiwanis volunteers and 12 community volunteers contributed 221 hours to the food bank and families in need.

NeighborImpact complimented the Sisters Food Bank saying it operates as a model for all other food banks in Central Oregon.

Last week Bott recognized 30 volunteers from four categories that help the Food Bank run so smoothly. The categories recognized included community organizations like The



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Carly Sanders of NeighborImpact, with Kiwanian Kerry Bott. The Kathy Deggendorfer painting is now a permanent Food Bank fixture.

Roundhouse Foundation and NeighborImpact; community businesses like Ray's Food Place, Melvin's Fir Street Market, Angeline's Bakery and Café and Rainshadow Organics; Kiwanis leadership, including Naomi Rowe, Shirley Lalli, Dan Stearns and Barbara Bott; and community volunteers. Community volunteers who were recognized, Bott called "Elite Volunteers" and they each gave a minimum of 60 hours of service last year to the Food Bank.

At the event last Thursday, an original watercolor image, donated by local artist Kathy Deggendorfer was unveiled.

Community volunteers each received a coffee mug wrapped with the same image

and the Kiwanis Food Bank logo. The mugs were purchased for the volunteers out of the general Kiwanis Fund as to not impact the Food Bank budget.

"I was happy to donate the original piece," says Deggendorfer. "After talking with some of the food bank volunteers, they shared the Sisters Food Bank is one of the very few places where fresh produce is given to families – most other places include quite a bit of packaged goods – that struck me. I wanted to do something with produce, so I created a big grocery bag surrounded by all the fresh produce that's donated to help provide for the local families."

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