

SALOON:
Grand opening set for Friday, April 1

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backbar that Bill Reed, John Keenan, and John Tehan found in a bar in Bend decades ago, originally came around Cape Horn.

The Okuras stripped and repainted the tin ceiling in the bar, which hadn't been restored since smoking indoors was outlawed in Oregon.

"There was probably 25 years of tobacco smoke up there," Aaron said.

It's now a bright copper that matches the new bar top.

All of the restoration work has been especially meaningful to Ashley, since the Reed family owns the historic building.

"It's been so much fun," she said. "The most stress I've ever felt in my life — but so fun."

The restoration and enhancement is functional as well as aesthetic. Aaron notes that all the bar equipment is new, as is some of the kitchen equipment. New beer lines and taps ensure that the beer will be exceptionally fresh. The wine and liquor selections have been significantly expanded. And there will be food served in the bar till midnight.

"It will be a very

smooth-running, sanitary operation," he said.

Aaron and Ashley were poised to move to Denver when the opportunity to take on a new restaurant in Sisters presented itself. Aaron had been managing a steakhouse in Salt Lake City and had just received a promotion within the restaurant organization.

But the pull of Sisters was strong. It's Ashley's hometown and where they've always really wanted to be.

"We kind of thought, 'Wow, the perfect opportunity to move back to Sisters like we've always wanted to,'" Aaron said. "It's kind of a dream come true to be here with Ashley working on it, coming back to live."

Aaron is a musician and very excited about integrating Sisters Saloon & Ranch Grill into the thriving Sisters music scene. He's put up a stage inside the hotel and there will be one in the outside courtyard, too.

At this writing, there are 42 full- and part-time staff.

All of this work has been observed with anticipation by a community that is excited to have the iconic landmark back in action.

"There's been an extremely positive reaction from the community," Aaron said.

Sisters Saloon & Ranch Grill is located at 190 E. Cascade Ave.



PHOTO BY ERIN BORLA

Sisters students are making fish art.

MURAL: Project is Sisters Folk Festival partnership

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as the ECOS program at Sisters Middle School will have the opportunity to work on painting portions of the mural.

The project will be

celebrated at a "River Celebration" sponsored by SFF at The Belfry in May. Students can expect to see their work installed on the fence by the end of the school year.

"This river is very important to us," said Campbell. "We have a community around it and supporting it, and it is bringing the community together."



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

Hotel Sisters is set to get back in action with Sisters Saloon & Ranch Grill.

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Friday~April 1

Sisters Saloon Grand Opening! And Live Music with the Hanson Family 5 p.m. Don't miss the award-winning band and the long-awaited restaurant opening in the old Hotel Sisters! For more info call 541-549-7427 or go online to sistersaloon.net.

Hardtails Bar & Grill Live Music with Tommy Hogan 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. The guitarist extraordinaire will be performing for the big 5th anniversary party! Never a cover! Info: 541-549-6114 or go to hardtailsoregon.com.

Cork Cellars Live Music with Doc Ryan 7 to 9 p.m. No cover! For additional information call 541-549-2675 or go to corkcellars.com.

Saturday~April 2

Sisters Community Church Annual Chili Feed! 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sisters veterans with VFW Post 8138 & American Legion Post 86 present chili, fixings, corn bread, cake & ice cream, coffee & lemonade for just \$5! Info: 541-903-1123.

The Belfry Live Music with Poor Man's Whiskey 8 to 11:30 p.m. Bluegrass/old-time Southern rock! \$17 online at bendticket.com or \$20 at the door. For additional information: belfryevents.com.

Hardtails Bar & Grill Live Music with The Weekenders 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. for the big 5th anniversary party, with specials starting at 11 a.m.! Never a cover! For additional information call 541-549-6114 or go to hardtailsoregon.com.

Wed.~April 6

The Barn Live Music House Concert with Sam Baker 7 p.m. Suggested donation: \$20 adults, \$10 youth. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at 68467 Three Creek Rd. The Austin, Texas singer/songwriter is accompanied by Chip Dolan. For more info: 541-408-0200.

Friday~April 8

Cork Cellars Live Music with Bill Powers 7 to 9 p.m. No cover! For additional information call 541-549-2675 or go to corkcellars.com.

Friday~April 15

Cork Cellars Live Music with Joe Leonardi, Ed Fitzjarrell & Fiddler Bob Baker 7 to 9 p.m. No cover! For more additional information, call 541-549-2675 or go to corkcellars.com.

Thursday~April 21

Hood Avenue Art Live Music with The Anvil Blasters 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A fundraiser for Sisters Circle of Friends! Enjoy songs of border renegades and ghosts of the old, weird America. For info call 541-719-1800 or go online to hoodavenueart.com

Friday~April 22

Sisters High School Auditorium Screening of "Paper Tigers" 6:15 p.m. Free, with light refreshments at 6 p.m. Documentary on troubled teens and the positive effect one caring adult can have. Not for younger viewers. Info: 541-549-2099 or 541-549-0155

Cork Cellars Live Music with NTT 7 to 9 p.m. No cover! For info call 541-549-2675 or go to corkcellars.com.

Downtown Sisters 4th Friday Art Stroll 4 to 7 p.m. Many Sisters galleries and shops have extended hours for the stroll, some with live entertainment & refreshments!

Aspen Lakes, Black Butte Ranch & Eagle Crest courses Central Oregon Shootout Golf Tourney Register at aspenlakes.com or for additional information call Aspen Lakes, 541-549-4653.

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Mon-Thurs 4:30, 6:45

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Fri 6:30
Sat 3:00, 6:30
Sun 2:15, 5:30
Mon-Thurs 6:00

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Fri 5:00, 7:15
Sat 2:45, 5:00, 7:15
Sun 2:15, 4:30, 6:30
Mon-Thurs 4:45, 6:45

Zootopia (PG)
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