

**C O M M U N I T Y**

# Sisters Community Garden plots available

As Old Man Winter begins to head out of town, the Sisters Community Garden is springing back in action.

Located at 15860 Barclay Dr., next to Sisters Eagle Airport, the Sisters Community Garden provides area residents of all income levels the opportunity to grow their own fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers while gaining new gardening skills with this enthusiastic group of local gardeners.

Currently, there are individual plots still available

for the 2016 season, but they won't last long. The fees for 2016 are \$50 for a large bed and \$30 for a small bed. Anyone interested in a bed for the 2016 garden season must fill out an application, release form, and pay the garden fee.

Forms can be found online at [www.sisterscommunitygarden.org](http://www.sisterscommunitygarden.org) or can be found in the little shed at the garden itself. For more information about plot availability, contact Trine Benson at [trinemarvin@hotmail.com](mailto:trinemarvin@hotmail.com).



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

Ashley and Aaron Okura have done extensive work to get Sisters Saloon ready for an April 1 opening.

# FOSL Spring Fling Book Sale on tap

By Jim Anderson  
Correspondent

The "Spring Fling" book sale at FOSL's Book Corner will take place on Saturday, April 2, in the Sisters Library from 1 to 3 p.m. To make sure everyone attending the sale will have the opportunity to find the book(s) they want, the sale will be held in the Book Corner on the north end of the library and at the same time in the community room on the south end.

This will be a special event, according to Book Corner manager Lynne Wood. The library has donated

several boxes of books to FOSL after their quarterly "house cleaning," which buried the Book Corner under piles of wonderful titles looking for new owners.

To sweeten the day, Wood will be offering a number of quilting books she normally sets aside for Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show Day. To make the Spring Fling even more fun for Sisters Country residents, Wood has also put in place a buy-three-get-one-free sale.

FOSL, Friends of the Sisters Library, is a vital

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# Iconic location hosts Sisters Saloon

By Jim Cornelius  
News Editor

For the past several months, Aaron and Ashley Okura have been working to bring the iconic Hotel Sisters into the 21st century — and back to its historic 1912 roots.

Sisters Saloon & Ranch Grill will celebrate its grand opening on Friday, April 1, putting on a fine spread for the Sisters community.

Extensive restaurant experience and design expertise have come together to create a contemporary menu that will be served up in a setting that even in the details harkens back to the turn of the

20th century.

"We have modernized the menu a little bit," Aaron explained. "It's still cowboy grub, but we're using fresh ingredients and doing more from scratch."

First-class burgers are a priority, and Sisters Saloon & Ranch Grill will serve them up with Sisters-raised grass-fed beef. The steaks, too, will be Oregon-raised beef, and the produce is fresh and locally sourced wherever possible. There will be vegetarian and gluten-free options as well.

"We've got a couple of really good fish dishes," Aaron said. "The scratch cooking is so full of flavor.

I'm so excited about it."

Ashley Okura turned her interior design background to making the 1912 building resonate with its heritage in every way.

All the woodwork has been restored and refreshed.

"On all the walls we did a hand-troweled plaster, which is what would have been done in the early 1900s," she said. "I chose a color palette that actually is from the early 1900s."

Even the bathrooms have an authentic touch: the men's room features a sink that is a replica of one from 1910.

The famous, ornate

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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.

**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., 17549 Knight Rd., Bend (Plainview area). 541-388-9013.

**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 to 8:30 a.m., Brand 33 Restaurant at Aspen Lakes. 541-410-2870.

**Sisters Parent Teacher Community** 3rd Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., Sisters Elementary C-wing. 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** 2nd Wed., 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sisters Art Works. Public welcome. 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.

