

# COMMUNITY

## STA speaker series honors Bjarne Holm

By Craig F. Eisenbeis  
Correspondent

The Sisters Trails Alliance (STA) has honored the late Bjarne Holm by bestowing his name on the speaker series he founded.

The chairman of STA's Board of Directors, Chuck Humphreys, announced, "The STA has decided to name the speaker series, which Bjarne created and managed since 2014, the Bjarne Holm Memorial Speaker Series."

Holm passed away after an unexpected short illness.

He had a strong personal interest in our ecosystems, both globally and locally; and he drew upon his extensive background and experience to enhance outdoor public recreation opportunities and to educate others in the wonders of the natural world.

"He is already deeply missed," said Humphreys. "Bjarne was a man of adventure — and, in his own words, a geologist and an educator. He brought his considerable skills and energies to Sisters

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PHOTO BY ERIN BORLA

Sisters High School's Life Skills students serve up coffee for staff.

## SHS Choir to travel down the Mississippi

By Ceili Cornelius  
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The Sisters High School music theater class is serving up a musical medley of many of the songs from the Broadway musical "Big River," written by William Hauptman for the stage.

All the music from the show was written by Roger Miller, a very popular musical theater composer and country music singer-songwriter.

The show is based on the story, "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," and follows Huck and Jim on their

journey down the Mississippi River.

The class is not doing the full-scale musical, but a 20-minute performance of selected music from the show. Students auditioned for different solos within the piece. Solos include ones told from Jim's point of view, like "Free at Last," sung by Alec Gannon. Other songs include "River in the Rain," sung by Jesse Glanz and Kendall Griffin; "Waitin' for the Light to Shine," solos by Alana Lukens and Anna Bartlett;

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## SHS program develops 'life skills'

By Erin Borla  
Correspondent

Josh Nordell and his Life Skills class at Sisters High School have been working with students with varying degrees of mental and physical challenges for several years. Life Skills is a class that partners general-education students, known as mentors, with special-needs students to give them life experiences and help support their learning and transitioning after high school.

Students in the class are partnered with general-education mentors where they get special support for their studies, participate in activities like tae kwon do, golf, cooking classes, and working with

local businesses.

New this year, the Life Skills class created the Coffee Crew during first period. Students design their own coffee cups with special sayings and artwork and deliver coffee to teachers throughout the school.

"(The Coffee Crew) is awesome and fun, easily one of the best things I've done in high school," said Riley Garcia. "I get to know the other teachers more when I deliver their coffee."

Principal Joe Hosang enjoys his cup every morning.

"I like going around and selling coffee with the other kids," said Brock Coffey. "It's cool that I get to help them with a job."

Recently, changes at

the state level with executive orders 13-04 and 15-01 require people with intellectual disabilities to work in an "integrated employment setting," meaning they work alongside people without disabilities. Nordell's class does just that.

Community members may remember local non-profits like The Opportunity Foundation, which worked with special-needs adults and provided access to jobs in a specified location. The work they provided was considered a "sheltered workshop." The recent executive orders from the state eliminated funding for all sheltered workshop-style organizations.

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## SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

### BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

**AI-Anon** Monday, noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church; Wednesday, 6 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-8737 or 541-549-1527.

**Alateen** Thursday, 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-1527.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Thurs. & Sun., 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration; Sat., 8 a.m., Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration; Mon., 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church; Tues., noon, Big Book study, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church; Thurs., 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., BBR community room. 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** 2nd Tuesday. 541-639-6216.

**East of the Cascades Quilt Guild** 4th Wednesday, September-June, Stitichin' 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. Materials provided. 541-408-8505.

**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 Aglow Lighthouse International Fellowship** 1st Saturday, Ponderosa Room, Best Western Ponderosa Lodge. 541-699-9522.

**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 Caregiver Support Group** 3rd Tuesday, 10 a.m., Ray's Food Place community room. 541-771-3258.

**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 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** 1st Wednesday, 5 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** 1st Thursday, noon, Ray's Food Place community room. 541-419-1279.

**VFW 8138 & American Legion** 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 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 Out West Realty 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.

