

C O M M U N I T Y

Martin Sexton to kick off Winter Concert Series

On Wednesday, January 25, Martin Sexton will bring his soulful singing, brilliant guitar playing and well-crafted songs to Sisters in the kick-off of the 2017 Sisters Folk Festival Winter Concert Series.

Syracuse, New York, native Sexton got his start singing in the streets and subways of Boston in the early 1990s. Still fiercely independent and headlining venues from the Fillmore to Carnegie Hall, he has influenced a generation of contemporary artists. Sexton’s incendiary live

show, honest lyrics, and vocal prowess keep fans coming back for more.

From 1996 to the early 2000s Sexton released acclaimed albums “Black Sheep,” “The American,” “Wonder Bar” and “Live Wide Open.” The activity and worldwide touring behind these records laid the foundation for the career he enjoys today with an uncommonly loyal fan base. Since then he has infiltrated many musical worlds, performing

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Chris and JuJu at play. Chris and his family had to find foster care for their dogs in order to avail themselves of the Sisters Cold Weather Shelter.

Sisters to get new bus connection with Bend

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Beginning February 6, Cascades East Transit (CET) will institute a new Community Connector bus route #29 between Sisters and Bend, and will make some modifications to the schedule for the Redmond-Sisters route #28. CET signs will identify each stop.

The single morning run to Bend will leave Hawthorne Station in Bend at 6:40 a.m., arriving at its first Sisters stop on the north side of Main Avenue at the

crosswalk between Locust and Cedar streets at 7:08 a.m. The next stop is on the west end of Main Avenue between Oak and Ash streets at 7:10 a.m., using the ADA parking access aisle to ensure that transit riders needing the lift to get on the bus have access.

From Main, the bus will continue west to the parking lot at Ray’s Food Place on Arrowleaf Trail, arriving there at 7:13 a.m. That stop is located in the Ray’s parking lot across Arrowleaf from the Wells Fargo ATM. The bus

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A night at the shelter

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When the doors open at 6 p.m. at the Sisters Cold Weather Shelter, two volunteers greet the guests warmly and make them welcome. After almost a month of the shelter being open, guests and volunteers are becoming a supportive “family.”

During their first visit to the shelter, guests are asked to fill out a general information sheet, which is kept on file. Subsequently, each time guests come to the shelter they only need to sign in on the current evening’s roster.

The volunteers have placed the sleeping pads around the room prior to opening the doors. As the

guests arrive, they choose where they will sleep in the large room. Those who have been there most evenings have their favorite spots and everyone honors those.

Each guest has a large plastic tote with their name on it, out of which comes their shelter-provided linens, pillow, and quilt/blankets. Those linens are collected once a week by volunteers, laundered, and brought back all clean and folded. While at the shelter for the night, the guests can store their belongings in their tote, but everything they bring in leaves with them in the morning.

Every evening, meals are provided by a volunteer or donated by a local restaurant. Dinner is served around 6:30

p.m. and everyone sits around the table in the kitchen to share the meal, including meal and shelter volunteers.

Until the lights are dimmed at 10 p.m., (sometimes earlier) guests may socialize, rest and relax, read, watch movies, play games, do puzzles, and have a snack. There is a designated outside smoking area with a bucket for cigarette butts. At Westside Church, where this month’s shelter is located, the café/kitchen is located right off the large room where everyone, except families, sleeps. During the night, guests are free to go to the kitchen for something to eat or drink.

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SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

Al-Anon Mon., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Wed., 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 / Mon., 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Big Book study, Tues., noon, Shepherd of the Hills / Gentlemen’s meeting, Wed., 7 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills / Sober Sisters Women’s meeting, Thurs., noon, Shepherd of the Hills / Step & Tradition meeting, Fri., noon, Shepherd of the Hills. 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 OR Spinners and Weavers Guild 4th Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Sisters Library (Jan.-Oct.). 541-639-3217.

Central Oregon Woodworkers Guild 2nd Tuesday. 541-639-6216.

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. 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 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.

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, 0 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. 541-549-8521 x4011.

