

# COMMUNITY

## Grants help business buy defibrillators

When someone collapses in sudden cardiac arrest, quick action means the difference between life and death. Quick access to an automatic external defibrillator (AED) can save someone's life.

Sisters-area businesses and organizations can now apply for grant money to purchase

an AED. The grants range from \$250-\$750.

Sudden cardiac arrest is an abrupt loss of heart function usually as a result of an abnormal heart rhythm. It is a leading cause of death in the United States. An AED is a

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## Seeking candidates for school boards

Sisters School District will have three board positions up for election on the May 16 ballot. If Sisters conforms to statewide trends, most or all of the positions will be uncontested.

According to the Associated Press, a professional association is hoping to get more people excited about school board elections in Oregon. The Oregon School Boards Association reports that nearly three-quarters of the seats for school boards, education service districts, and community college boards were uncontested during the last round of board elections in 2015 and eight percent of available seats drew no candidates at all.

With such low turnout, the association has launched a campaign to recruit more candidates to take part in the

upcoming school board elections in May, AP reports.

Association spokesman Alex Pulaski says it's unclear why people aren't interested in some races, though there is little interest in seats in rural Oregon. Pulaski says the association is working to educate people about how school boards affect policy in hopes of energizing new candidates.

In Sisters, positions 1, 2, and 5 on the school board are elected for four-year terms. The candidate filing period ends March 16. Interested candidates must file with the Deschutes County Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on March 16.

Forms are available at the Sisters School District administration office, Deschutes County Clerk's office and online at <https://www.deschutes.org/clerk/page/candidate-measure-filing-forms>.



PHOTO BY MARTHA PETERSON

Students learning about pH with red cabbage juice.

## Kids get hands-on science experience

By **Erin Borla**  
Correspondent

Close to 175 students and parents at Sisters Elementary School enjoyed the first ever S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Night last Friday, February 10.

The event was hosted by the Sisters Parent-Teacher Community (SPTC) with significant collaboration from community organizations. Over a dozen different experiments and activities

were housed throughout the elementary school for families to enjoy.

The Sisters Science Club developed and displayed several hands-on experiments for students to learn about pH, chemical reactions, worm composting, electric circuits and more.

"I was most impressed by the parent participation in and enjoyment of the event," said Cal Allen, of the Sisters Science Club. "Clearly the students were excited and ready to try

every experiment. However, parents often seem reticent to participate. Not at this event — even though it was not easy for adults to kneel on the floor and participate with their children in blowing ping pong balls out of a stack of blocks or blowing through straws between pop bottles to see what would happen to the bottles. (The bottles moved close together, contrary to most opinions that the blown air would move them further

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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 of the Transfiguration / Mon., 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Big Book study, Tues., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Gentlemen's meeting, Wed., 7 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Sober Sisters Women's meeting, Thurs., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church / Step & Tradition meeting, Fri., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-548-0440.

**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., Station 602, 67433 Cloverdale Rd. 541-548-4815. See the agenda at [cloverdalefire.com](http://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](http://www.sisters.k12.or.us). 541-549-8521 x4011.

