

COMMUNITY

Firefighters raise funds to fight blood cancer

Firefighters from throughout the Northwest, including right here in Sisters Country, are raising funds to support the Leukemia Lymphoma Society (LLS) and their fight against blood cancers.

On March 12, firefighters from Black Butte Ranch, Cloverdale, and Sisters-Camp Sherman fire districts will travel to Seattle to compete in the 26th annual Scott Firefighter Stairclimb. In a friendly competition with a field of 2,000, our firefighters will race up 69 floors of the Columbia Center skyscraper

in a timed competition, while wearing approximately 50 pounds of protective clothing and equipment.

An annual event, it is staged to raise awareness and funding for the fight against blood cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma. Firefighters from around the world compete in this event, whose requirement for entry is raising funds for LLS.

On Sunday February 26, from 3 to 8 p.m. local firefighters will be at Sisters

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An Oregon Community Foundation Grant will expand the capacity of Circle of Friends.

Eight local artists hit the road for art experiences

By **Jodi Schneider McNamee**
Correspondent

The Roundhouse Foundation has a strong interest in ensuring that Sisters' creative community remains dynamic.

In an effort to further its support for the visual arts and artists in Sisters and Central Oregon, The Roundhouse Foundation invited a group of eight artists who responded from a pool of 30 to experience workshops, artist in residency, and shared-space programming at various schools of art throughout the country.

Each artist attended a different workshop at either Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, Arrowmount School of Arts, Penland School of Crafts, or Sitka Center for Art and Ecology.

After participating in the workshops and residencies the traveling artists returned to Central Oregon with their artwork, which is now displayed as an exhibit at the Sisters Art Works Building, "Sisters on the Road: Eight

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Grant to boost mentorship program

By **Jim Cornelius**
News Editor

Nothing is more critical to the health of a community than the well-being of its youth. For years now, Circle of Friends has been providing the community's most vulnerable children a nurturing and sustained relationship with a volunteer mentor. Those mentors teach positive values and have attainable expectations for each child to become a healthy, productive member of the community.

That effort just got a major boost in the form of an Oregon Community Foundation Grant for \$20,000. The award was presented at Circle of Friends' annual mentor appreciation

event last Friday, which was attended by 40 people at the Pine Meadow Village Clubhouse.

Executive Director Debbie Newport wrote the grant. She told *The Nugget* that the funds will build capacity for the organization to both serve more children and broaden its program offerings as the children get older.

Specifically, the \$20,000 will assist with program development for middle school/high school youth; provide professional development and training for mentors; and help implement a comprehensive program evaluation.

The program currently serves 28 children.

"(The grant) is going to allow us to grow, to reach more kids based on what the need is," Newport said. "We continually have a waiting

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list with 10 or more kids' names on it that we could serve if we had the capacity.” Prospective mentors are

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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), Stitches 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.

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.

