

COMMUNITY

Sisters Folk Festival announces initial lineup

The Sisters Folk Festival released the 2017 Festival initial artist lineup for the annual event, September 8-10.

Celebrating the 22nd anniversary of one of the most well-respected acoustic music events in the Pacific Northwest, the Sisters Folk Festival is produced throughout Sisters, where “All the Town’s a Stage.”

Festival passes are \$150 for adults and \$50 for those 18 and under.

The Sisters Folk Festival welcomes patrons for three

days of world-class performances by artists spanning multiple styles, cultures and genres. Artists include multi-award-winning bluegrass singer Claire Lynch; flat-picking genius Billy Strings; Grammy-nominated Robbie Fulks; SFF encore artists from Prince Edward Island, Canada The East Pointers; Irish super-group We Banjo 3; old-timey medicine show The Dustbowl Revival; Amy Helm and her band; indie-folk group Parsonsfield;

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Sisters Unified Taekwondo held a belt test earlier this month.

Sisters student to study in Europe

By Steve Kadel
Correspondent

A senior at Sisters High School will travel to England this fall to begin his college education.

Devin Robillard, who has compiled a 3.5 grade-point average at SHS, is enrolling at York St. John University in York, England, to study German and business. He’ll spend a year at York before moving on to Germany for his second year and back to England to finish his bachelor’s degree in the third year.

“I’m excited about the

whole college experience,” Robillard said during an interview last week.

The university’s highly selective German language and business program usually doesn’t admit U.S. students because of the need for top skills in reading and writing German. However, Robillard has studied the language since he was an eighth-grader and continues to be tutored by former SHS teacher Isolde Hedemark.

Robillard furthered his German ability for

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Youth test for belts in martial arts

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Ten Sisters youth tested for new belts in martial arts last week.

The youth are part of the Sisters Unified Taekwondo program, which serves 16 youth in Sisters schools, all of whom are on an individual education plan.

“They all have different challenges,” said Sherri Hermans, a black belt who leads the program with assistance from other martial artists, including Master Dan Grass of High Desert Martial Arts. Black Belts Victoria Graves and Sarah Wilder, along with a soon-to-be black belt Kim Manley also assist with the program. Sisters Park & Recreation District

allows the program to use its space.

“Without their support, without all the people, we couldn’t do the program we’re doing,” Hermans said. “We’re able to actually teach real taekwondo classes, because the (instructor-to-student) ratio is like 2-1, 3-1 with the kids. Each kid is on their own journey, but they’re earning real belts in taekwondo.”

The students stood at attention, and demonstrated ability to make low and high blocks and other aspects of the martial art, depending on their skill level and capability. Testing itself was an important achievement.

“I went through and made an individual (testing) sheet for each kid,” Hermans,

explained. “Actually having them test is a really good life skill.”

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The students were nervous about testing, and felt a sense of accomplishment in performing their work. And they were excited to have earned recognition.

“It’s working,” Hermans told *The Nugget*. “The kids are getting it.”

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 Wednesday, 6:30 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.

