

Burning closes down May 31

The Central Oregon Fire Chiefs Association (COFCA) has announced the date of closing for residential and private lands open debris burning across the tri-county region in Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson counties.

Fire chiefs from the local municipal and rural fire departments, along with State and Federal partners have determined that, due to existing environmental conditions this year, outdoor burning of debris and agricultural burns on private lands will close as of sunset on May 31.

Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District Chief Roger Johnson strongly urges homeowners to prepare their property for the upcoming fire season now before there is smoke on the horizon. There are alternatives to burning yard debris. The spring FireFree events in Deschutes and Jefferson counties provides this opportunity for local residents to dispose of their debris inexpensively and legally. The FireFree days will begin on June 2-3 for Sisters-area residents and will be available for selected dates during the month in numerous locations to all Central Oregon residents.

For information call 541-549-0771.



FIREFREE

Northwest Transfer Station

68200 Fryrear Rd.,
Cloverdale (Sisters)

June 2-3, 2017, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

AMERICANA CD: Students will perform in concert at The Belfry

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them each year and support their musical and personal growth.”

This year’s recording shows the diversity and talent possessed by these young artists. It features the work of talented young musicians, and will be a final send-off for senior students, including Ryan Funk; Brandon Ermatinger; Liam Brown; Johanna Geisen; Bree Papworth; and Alec Gannon, who plans to go on to study recording technology in college. The album artwork features work by Max Sillers and Brandon Ermatinger, and showcases 15 original songs. This year’s CD project has been funded by the Dottie and Eli Ashley Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation.

On Monday, June 12, the Americana Luthier Program is celebrating the completion of handmade guitars and ukuleles. The showcase will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Sisters

High School Lecture/Drama room and is free to the public.

The Luthier Program is a collaboration between Sisters Folk Festival, Sisters School District and Breedlove Guitars, and funded primarily through Sisters Folk Festival. The program, which was started in 2006 by Jayson Bowerman and Sisters High School teacher Tony Cosby, instructs students in the age-old craft of building musical instruments. The guitar-building program is led by Cosby, the engineering and wood-working instructor at Sisters High School, with engineering integration from Kerry Bott, a retired Intel engineer and SFF board-member, and many dedicated volunteers. Bott and other volunteers provide engineering insight and mentoring each day to help the students complete beautiful heirloom-quality instruments. The ukulele program is led by Bill MacDonald of Kona Breeze Ukuleles, with support from David Perkins and dedicated volunteers.

“There is great collaboration that takes place, where guitar students work together with engineering students to come up with the design they

want to see, and help to make it a reality with the CNC machine, creating their own headstock and rosette designs. They learn many life lessons, including patience, perseverance and resiliency, while also learning career-related wood-working skills. This kind of integration of engineering and the arts is what makes the program special, and they get to keep the instrument for life,” said Brad Tisdel, creative director for Sisters Folk Festival and co-founder of the Americana Project.

At the event, the students will present their completed instruments and there will be a tour of the woodshop offered to those interested in learning more about the program.

Programs like the Americana Luther Project and the creation of an annual CD are made possible through donations and grants. To help support these and other arts-related learning opportunities in Sisters schools, donations can be made at www.sistersfolk.org/donate-sff.

Suggested donation for

the CD release concert on Wednesday, June 7, is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students (at the door only – no advance sales), with this year’s CD included in the price. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 7 p.m. The Belfry is located at 302 E. Main Ave. The Americana Luthier Showcase, which is free to the public, will be held at the Sisters High School Lecture Drama room.

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