

# COMMUNITY

## SFF marks release of Americana CD

Sisters Folk Festival (SFF) is celebrating the completion of the 2017 Americana Project music release, "We All Wander," with a concert on Wednesday, June 7.

Students of the Sisters Americana Project are releasing their 14th full-length record, featuring songs written and recorded by students of Sisters High School. The concert is at 7 p.m. at The Belfry.

Over the past four months, the Sisters High School students in the Americana Project have learned the science and

art of audio engineering while producing a CD of original songs. The students learn to be recording artists while collaborating with friends and fellow musicians.

The album was engineered, mixed and produced by Brent Alan, who says, "Recording the Americana students' original songs is one of the most inspiring things I do as an engineer. The raw talent and depth of their writing just blows me away. I am blessed to get to work with

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PHOTO BY ERIN BORLA

Heart of Oregon engaged in a service project at Camp Polk Cemetery last week to honor veterans.

## Protecting animal athletes in rodeo

By Bonnie Malone  
Correspondent

There is no organization more cautious and critical when it comes to animal welfare than the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. The PRCA has set the standard of livestock care since 1949.

Many fans and non-fans of the sport of rodeo are concerned about the possibility of injury to livestock that is used in rodeo without having the knowledge of the actual life of a rodeo animal. These animals are athletes, bred and

groomed for their careers in rodeo. They are of enormous financial value to the stock contractors who own them, often in the six-figure range for the best performers. Why would anyone not give the best of care to these animals?

The PRCA has 70 very specific rules that govern the care and treatment of rodeo livestock — rules enforced by the PRCA judges who not only keep scores during a rodeo but also review the condition of the animal athletes and the safety of pens,

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## Youth show the flag at cemetery

By Erin Borla  
Correspondent

Heart of Oregon Youth Build students, volunteers and staff joined representatives from local veterans organizations in a cemetery cleanup and flag placement ceremony at Camp Polk Cemetery on Wednesday, May 24, in honor of Memorial Day.

Students arrived on site and ready to get to work at 9 a.m. Split into teams, each student set out to find one of the 39 veterans' gravesites located at the historic cemetery. Their mission was to weed, rake, and do general cleanup on their specific site. After each veteran's grave was taken care of students moved on to rake,

weed-whack, and work on the remainder of the cemetery.

Heart of Oregon YouthBuild is a nonprofit that engages young people who face major barriers to success. Designed for students aged 16-24 from throughout Central Oregon, the program provides job skills training, education, and leadership development.

Young people in the program work in hands-on outdoor environments and focus on projects that improve the community. Students earn a weekly stipend or minimum wage for their work and can earn college scholarships. Students also prepare for their GED or college classes by learning math and writing, as well as career planning

skills.

One of the Heart of Oregon students, 17-year-old Raymond Hendricks, enjoys the community service part of Youth Build and was really looking forward to the cemetery cleanup.

"I feel like this will be my favorite project we've done," he said. "We will be helping people that are kinda helpless; these people deserve this."

Hendricks has been with the program since the end of November last year. He talks about struggling in traditional school — getting bad grades and generally not doing well.

"It gave me another chance to do well in school

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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 541-719-1230.

**Military Parents of Sisters** Meetings are held quarterly; please call for details. 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.

**Sisters Walking Group** Fridays, 10 a.m. at Village Green Park. All are welcome to come walk! 541-410-9245.

**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.

