

COMMUNITY

Sisters Folk Festival completes its lineup

“All the Town’s a Stage” for the Sisters Folk Festival set for September 8-10.

The final bookings are in place for this year’s events and tickets are nearly sold out. Festival passes are \$150 for adults and \$50 for those 18 and under.

The final artists booked represent great songwriters and bands, bringing outstanding musicianship to the 11 festival stages.

Artists include singer-songwriter Justin Townes Earle, who is celebrating the release of his eighth studio

album, “Kids in the Street;” Austin, Texas-based songwriter and guitar-player Joe Pug; alt-country band Western Centuries, led by guitar- and banjo-player Cahalen Morrison; Banda Magda, spanning world musical styles and led by Greek-born composer and accordionist Magda Giannikou; Breedlove Guitars-sponsored artist, vocalist and songwriter Amber Sweeney; Minnesota-based songwriter David Stoddard (to perform with

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PHOTO BY DAN STEARNS

Kerry Bott demonstrates “shopping style” at the food bank.

Urban art quilts on display at Library

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

For the third year in a row, Friends of the Sisters Library (FOSL) is treating visitors to the library during the month of July to a special display of art quilts by the Portland-based MIX (Materials in the Xtreme) group. The quilts are too small to be displayed on the street in the regular show, so the library provides an appropriate venue.

Each year these eight women create striking original fabric art designed around a common theme. Each piece,

however, is as unique and individual as its creator.

When all eight quilters began to talk about the changes they were seeing in Portland — in the skyline, the culture, and the population — they agreed to design their quilts around the theme of “Urban PDX” and its rapid changes.

The unifying factors among the quilts, besides the theme, are they all measure 30 by 40 inches in portrait orientation with an accompanying piece measuring eight

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Food Bank adopting ‘shopping style’

The Kiwanis Club of Sisters Food Bank has provided food to low-income Sisters-area residents for 30 years. Big changes are afoot that affect the food bank building, clients and food bank volunteers.

Since the Kiwanis food bank is licensed, it is subject to policies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Food Bank. The Oregon Food Bank is strongly urging food banks to adopt a “shopping style.”

Currently, food bank volunteers provide food boxes to the clients who don’t have access to the food shelves. The clients can specify items they don’t want but have little choice as to what’s in their box.

In “shopping style” the clients browse the shelves as they would at any grocery store. This allows client shoppers to examine the food, read the labels, touch the produce and squeeze the bread. They have the freedom to choose foods they will actually use.

This atmosphere of participation and choice lends dignity and respect to an experience that can be difficult and humbling for many.

Also, food bank volunteers report, “shopping style” reduces wasted food. It’s hard to determine the amount of such waste, but food bank volunteers are certain it’s considerable due to clients getting unwanted food in their box. There is also increased opportunity for

nutrition education through recipe cards, taste tests and discussions with Kiwanis volunteers.

Operations Manager Naomi Rowe is working hard preparing for this major change: “I am looking forward to trying this out,” she said. “We are flexible and hardy and we can do it.”

At the same time, with Oregon Food Bank support, food bank management has recognized a need to upgrade its freezers and refrigerators. The food bank building, constructed in 2013, is state-of-the-art except for the cold storage. Frozen/chilled food is kept in nine older units. The food bank has decided

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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.

