

# COMMUNITY

## Sisters Art Works hosts fundraising events

The Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank will benefit from the December 2 Holiday Open House through the platters and textiles fundraiser.

The Entry Gallery in the Sisters Art Works building will display the work of local artists who have hand-painted and hand-quilted each item. Platters will sell for \$100 and textiles will be priced at \$40.

Visitors can add to their own holiday gifting or

tradition while knowing their donation provides meals for needy families.

Furry Friends Foundation will benefit from pet photos with Santa. Bring your pet and get a picture with Santa. Photos are taken for a \$10 donation to Furry Friends, which provides food for pets belonging to families in need.

Santa will make an appearance from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for pet photos.



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Volunteers and sponsors made it possible to serve 250 meals at the Sisters Community Thanksgiving Dinner last Thursday.

## Middle schoolers work to save bats

Susie Werts is at it again. First she was saving the monarch butterflies, and now bats.

Susie started this project by educating her students about bats. There are 1,200 species that we know of. A plague is affecting our bat population called White Nose Syndrome (WNS). It's a fungus passed from bat to bat and also in various U.S. caves.

So how is Werts saving the bats? This is where Steve Madsen comes in. He is a cabinetmaker who donated his time to show middle school students how to build bat houses. The students caulked and screwed four of these houses together. Each house can hold about 100 bats. They are being donated

to the Deschutes National Forest and hung in local forests with the hope of curbing the spread of WNS.

Werts' favorite bat is the spotted bat, though the houses will most likely become home to the more common brown bat. Both bats are threatened, in part from WNS and humans invading their homes. The brown bat is more common in Sisters, eating insects and living in the bark of trees, attics, and porches. In winter they hibernate in caves, leaving on occasion to find food.

While out in the forest keep your eyes open for the bat houses. Sisters Middle School hopes to partner with the high school to build larger bat houses.

## Community dinner highlights holiday

The fourth year of the annual Sisters Community Thanksgiving Dinner is behind us, but the thankfulness is far from over, according to Jennifer Knowles-Seher, one of the event's organizers.

More than 50 volunteers came together to pitch in and serve more than 250 hot, delicious meals to the community, including the on-shift firefighters of the Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District on Thanksgiving evening.

The event was held at Sisters Community Church.

"Volunteer time isn't all that makes it happen, though," Seher said. "This year, we've had many local

community businesses pitch in to help offset the costs of the food needed to make this a free event for all who wish or need to have a meal." (See "Sisters salutes," page 11).

This is the second year the community event has been held to provide meals for people who may not have another place to go to celebrate Thanksgiving.

"As a host and sponsor, I couldn't have imagined just how big this would have grown in such a short time," Seher said. "I can say, however, that Thanksgiving has become a day I look forward to every year for JUST this very reason. I can't thank everyone involved enough for all the time, effort, thoughts,

prayers, contributions and hard work.

"Coming together to share a meal with precious friends, neighbors and family is what

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**— Jennifer Knowles-Seher**

Thanksgiving is — and this particular event defines what community is, and why I love Sisters so very much.”

## 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.

**Three Sisters Irrigation District Board of Directors** 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m., Three Sisters Irrigation District Office. 541-549-8815.

**Three Sisters Lions Club** 1st Thursday, noon, Ray's Food Place community room. 541-419-1279.

**VFW Post 8138 and American Legion Post 86** 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-903-1123 or 541-549-1132.

**Weight Watchers** Thursdays, 9 a.m. (weigh-in is at 8:30 a.m.), Sisters Community Church., 541-602-2654.

### SCHOOLS

**Black Butte School Board of Directors** 2nd Tuesday, 5 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 online at [www.ssd6.org](http://www.ssd6.org). 541-549-8521 x5002.

### 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** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 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](http://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.

