

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Cookie Exchange

Women of Sisters are invited to Sisters Community Church on Saturday, December 9 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. to enjoy Renaissance Women Recorder Ensemble and dramatist Laura Clem. Please bring a minimum of two dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to exchange. Sign up by emailing Sheryl at info@sisterschurch.com or call the church at 541-549-1201.

Christmas Music Concert

A special Christmas music concert featuring Sisters Children's Choir, Sisters High Desert Bell Choir, Renaissance Sisters, and the adult church choir will be performed at 10 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 10. The community is invited to stay for a free Christmas buffet-style luncheon after the concert! For information call Lola at 541-390-4615 or email sisterschildrenschoir@gmail.com.

Bell Choir Performance

On Saturday, December 16 at 2 p.m., all are invited to the Sisters Library to enjoy holiday music with the Sisters High Desert Bell Choir, which was founded in 2008 and has performed at the Sisters Christmas Tree Lighting, talent shows, and much more. Free! For info call 541-312-1072.

Live Radio Performance

Sisters Classic Old-Time Radio Experience (SCORE) will perform a Christmas radio broadcast for all ages at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13 at Sisters Community Church. SCORE will be joined by the Bend radio group Gigawatts, with many of the sound effects created right on stage. Light refreshments will be served. Free, but donations gladly accepted! Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. For additional information call 541-548-0601.

Online Fundraising Auction

Camp Eagle Cap offers a one-week wilderness camp in the summer for at-risk kids ages 10-12. The vision of this faith-based organization is to touch the hearts of kids before they get to middle school and high school, and proceeds from the silent auction will help expand to two summer camps in 2018. Great auction items include an airplane ride! Go online to 32auctions.com/campeaglecap. The auction ends Friday, December 15. For info call 541-377-0711 or 541-390-6361.

Habitat Groundbreaking

On Sunday, December 10 at 2:30 p.m. at Village Meadows (corner McKinney Butte Dr. and Brooks Camp Rd.), all are invited to groundbreaking and home dedication ceremonies for three future Sisters Habitat homeowners – Silvia Ayala, Sharyn Benson, and Clara Eberius. For additional information call 541-549-1193.

BBR RFPD Meeting Canceled

The Board of Directors of the Black Butte Ranch RFPD has canceled the December board meeting. The next meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Thursday, January 25 at the BBR Fire Station. Info, call 541-595-2288.

Free Christmas Trees!

Are you in need of a Christmas tree this year? The students of Vast Church would like to gift those in need with a Christmas tree. Call Jared to schedule delivery at 503-949-9719.

Wreaths Across America at Camp Polk Cemetery

This year's ceremony at Camp Polk Cemetery placing wreaths to honor fallen service members will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 16. Funds are still being raised to make sure all headstones have a wreath. Donate online at wreathscrossamerica.org (search Camp Polk Cemetery). Attendees to the ceremony are encouraged to carpool due to limited parking. Questions? Call Erin Borla at 541-480-5994.

Veterans Invited!

On Wednesday, December 6, Sisters VFW Post 8138 and American Legion Post 86 will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Sisters City Hall. All veterans in the Sisters area are welcome and encouraged to join. Note: the meetings are regularly held the first Wednesday of each month at this time and place, but *no meeting will be held this January*. For more information call Lance at 541-903-1123.

See's Candy from Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Sisters will hold their annual See's Candy sales fundraiser out of a trailer in the Ray's Food Place parking lot, now through Saturday, December 30 (or until it sells out!), 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily (half-day on Thanksgiving and closed Christmas Day). Profits go to scholarships, career-change assistance, and other Kiwanis service projects. For more info call 541-588-6255.

Caregivers' Support Group

A free support group for caregivers of those suffering with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia takes place at Sisters City Hall the third Tuesday of each month from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, meetings provide emotional, educational, and social support. Info: 800-272-3900 or go online to alz.org/oregon.

Taking "Bling" Donations

Sisters Kiwanis takes donations of antique or vintage jewelry and watches, even costume and broken pieces, *all year long* in preparation for next year's Antique & Collectibles Sale. For more information, or to arrange for pickup of larger items, please call Leart at 541-410-2890. You may also drop off small items at Essentials Skin Care, at 492 E. Main Ave.

Food Assistance at the Kiwanis Food Bank

Your family may be eligible for food assistance at the Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank. Eligibility rules may be found online at fns.usda.gov/tefap or visit the food bank for complete information. The food bank is located at Main Avenue and Oak Street and is Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You may also get cat and dog food weekly during those hours at no charge, provided by Furry Friends Foundation of Sisters.

SCA Christmas Musical

Sisters Christian Academy invites the community to join in a musical adventure to the manger...by camel! There's not a better place to spend a December evening than in "Camel Lot." The performance takes place at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7 at Sisters Community Church. For more info call 541-549-4133.

Shelter Volunteers Sought

Volunteer monitors are needed for the 5 p.m.-to-midnight shift at Sisters Cold Weather Shelter. Duties include checking in guests, helping with dinner and cleanup, and following the established evening checklist. There are two monitors per shift and training is provided. Volunteer applications are available at the Sisters Library; background checks will be completed. Info: 541-719-8415.

Donate Items for SCWS

Sisters Girl Scout Troop 10732 is collecting donated items for Sisters Cold Weather Shelter, in boxes located at Sisters Elementary School and Sisters Middle School, through Friday, December 15. Warm clothes, travel-size toiletries, portable snacks, paper products, DVDs, games and other activities are needed. Questions? Please call 541-610-9513 for information.

Letters to Santa

Santa Claus has a mailbox at the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce so that children may leave letters for him. Hey kids, be sure to note your name and address so that Santa may write back! The last day to drop off letters is Wednesday, December 20. Questions? Call the chamber at 541-549-0251.

Career Funds Available

Applications are available for the Sisters Kiwanis Career Opportunity Fund to help adult residents of Sisters establish an occupational path. You may pick up forms at the Kiwanis House, corner of Oak Street and Main Avenue between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Thursdays, and during regular hours from the Sisters Habitat for Humanity office. For more information call 541-410-2870.

Habitat Needs Volunteers

Sisters Habitat for Humanity is seeking volunteers to help in its ReStore, Thrift Store, and on construction sites. Extra hands are always needed! Interested in volunteering? Please contact Jen Binks at 541-549-1621.

Book Corner December Sale!

The FOSL Book Corner is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. at the corner of Cedar & Main, and throughout December, all books are *HALF OFF!* With a huge selection of children's books at just 25¢ each! Books are in excellent condition, suitable to wrap and put under the tree. Questions? Call Lynne at 541-588-6077.

Chorale Concerts

This year's theme for the Sisters High Desert Chorale annual holiday concert is "Christmas Traditions." Performances will be held at Sisters Community Church Friday, December 15 at 7 p.m. and again on Sunday, December 17 at 2:30 p.m. All are welcome! The concerts are free (but donations gratefully accepted). For more info go to sistershighdesertchorale.com or call Connie at 541-588-0362.

Habitat Gingerbread Trail

Follow the Sisters Habitat for Humanity Gingerbread Trail this season! Vote for your favorite gingerbread house by placing a donation in the wooden house at each location. Maps of the 21 participating businesses are at the Chamber, Habitat Thrift Store & ReStore, and each business. All funds collected go toward building homes for families in Sisters. For more information call 541-549-1193.

Senior Luncheons & More

Sisters-area seniors are invited to join others at the Sisters Senior Luncheon! Lunch is served every Tuesday at noon at Sisters Community Church with a \$3.50 suggested donation for those over 60. The espresso hour runs 11 a.m. to noon, and BINGO is played after lunch until 2:30 p.m. A free blood pressure clinic is offered the second Tuesday of the month, 11 a.m. to noon. Questions? Call 541-480-1843.

Seeking Mentors for Kids

Circle of Friends has children in Sisters waiting for a mentor. Can you invest time in the life of a child? For more information call Nicky at 541-588-6445 or email nicky@acircleoffriendsoregon.com.

Open Computer Lab

Every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Sisters Library, all are welcome to come to the open computer lab to practice skills and get help with issues from library staff. For more information call 541-312-1072.

Free Christmas Dinner

On Christmas day, the Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD and the Sisters-Camp Sherman Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Association present the annual Christmas dinner, free to the community. All are welcome to join them at the Sisters Fire Hall at 1 p.m., and no reservation is required. For additional information call 541-549-0771.

Himalayan Holiday

The 4th Annual Ten Friends Himalayan Holiday is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, December 12 at Cascades Academy, 19860 Tumalo Reservoir Rd. The dinner supports the Ten Friends Himalayan Education Center and other projects in Nepal. Enjoy a delicious Nepali meal, silent auction, and unique holiday gifts straight from Nepal! Tickets are \$12 with RSVP in advance via email to rsvptenfriends@gmail.com or \$15 at the door. Questions? Call 541-420-5910, 541-280-7778, or 541-549-4902.

PET OF THE WEEK
Humane Society of Central Oregon
541-382-3537



SALLY takes a little time to warm up to new people, but when she does she is a sweet little romper who loves to play. Sally has met several dogs at the shelter and seems to prefer the company of the smaller pups, while larger dogs seem to make Sally nervous. Sally would do OK with a doggy roommate who is under 30 lbs.

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Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (ELCA)
386 N. Fir Street • 541-549-5831
10 a.m. Sunday Worship
shepherdofthehillslutheranchurch.com

Sisters Community Church (Nondenominational)
1300 W. McKenzie Hwy. • 541-549-1201
10 a.m. Sunday Worship (with signing)
sisterschurch.com | info@sisterschurch.com

St. Edward the Martyr Roman Catholic Church
123 Trinity Way • 541-549-9391
5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
9 a.m. Sunday Mass
8 a.m. Monday-Friday Mass

Calvary Chapel (Nondenominational)
484 W. Washington St., Ste. C & D • 541-588-6288
10 a.m. Sunday Worship

New Hope Christian Center (Assembly of God)
222 Trinity Way • 503-910-9069
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship

Chapel in the Pines
Camp Sherman • 541-549-9971
10 a.m. Sunday Worship

The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration
68825 Brooks Camp Road • 541-549-7087
8:30 a.m. Ecumenical Sunday Worship (Sunday school, childcare)
10:15 a.m. Episcopal Sunday Worship (Sunday school, childcare)

Sisters Church of the Nazarene
67130 Harrington Loop Road • 541-389-8960 | sistersnaz.org
10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship | 2sistersnaz@gmail.com

Westside Sisters
442 Trinity Way • 541-549-4184 | westsidesisters.org
9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship

Vast Church (Nondenominational)
1700 W. McKinney Butte (Sisters High School) • 541-719-0587
9:37 a.m. Sunday Worship | vastchurch.com

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
386 N. Fir Street • 541-595-6770, 541-306-8303
11 a.m. Saturday Worship

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
68885 Trinity Way • Branch President, 503-932-2401;
R.S. Pres., 541-549-4499. 10 a.m. Sunday Sacrament Meeting

Baha'i Faith Meetings
Devotional Gatherings, Study Classes and Discussion Groups. Call for location and times • 541-549-6586