Rodeo Singing Contest A contest is being held to

select a performer to sing the National Anthem at this year's Sisters Rodeo, open to all ages (but Central Oregon residents only). Email a video recording to info@sistersrodeo.com or mail your video recording to SRA, Attn: Singing Contest, PO Box 1018, Sisters, OR 97759. The submission deadline is Sunday, April 15. Questions? Call 541-549-7142.

Missionaries to Speak Open Arms International missionaries Matt & Cheryl Tallman will speak at New Hope Christian Center Sunday, April 15 at 6 p.m. The Tallmans are training short-term teams

and long-term volunteers to work with Open Arms in East Africa. They have organized medical, development, and evangelistic outreach - plus a school for AIDS orphans – in Kenya. All are welcome! For more information call the church at 503-910-9069.

Fire District Open House

The Cloverdale Fire District invites the community to a public safety event on Saturday, April 21 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sisters Rodeo grounds. Meet the district personnel that help provide for your safety, and enjoy hot dogs, chips and soda, plus balloons for the kids! Community partners include other fire districts. Also on hand will be an Air Link helicopter, Smokey Bear, and BrightSide Animal Shelter. Questions? 541-548-4815.

Kindergarten Roundup Sisters Elementary School will hold their annual Kindergarten Roundup pre-registration on Monday, April 30 in two sessions: one at 9 a.m. and another at 1 p.m. Children who will be age 5 on or before September 1, 2018 are eligible for the 2018-19 school year. Call the SES office at 541-549-8981 to schedule a pre-registration appointment. Enrollment forms may also be picked up at the office; return by Wednesday, April 25 with your child's birth certificate and immunization records.

Questions? Call 541-549-8981. **Meet Democratic Candidate Neahring**

Indivisible Sisters will host Democratic hopeful Jennifer Neahring, who seeks to run in the next election for U.S. Congress, Oregon's District 2, at the Sisters Library on Saturday, April 21 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Info: 541-595-0243, 541-760-5320, or go to Facebook. com/indivisiblesisters.

It's Kitten Season!

Did you know you can have your cat spayed or neutered for free? That's right, FREE! Stop by the Furry Friends office to fill out a simple application. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sisters Art Works, 204 W. Adams Ave. #109. Info, call 541-797-4023.

Kiwanis Meetings

Interested in a local civic organization? Sisters Kiwanis raises gifts and money for our community. For a hosted visit call 541-410-2870 or visit their website at sisterskiwanis.org.

Fireside Stories Event

At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17 at FivePine Conference Center, the Three Sisters Historical Society presents historian, biographer, and storyteller Rick Steber, bringing his characters alive with tales of Native Americans, including legendary Nez Perce rodeo rider Jackson Sundown. Steber is nationally acclaimed for his 40 books and the recipient of numerous prestigious writing awards. This is the society's final free event, and doors open at 6:30 p.m. Questions? Call 541-549-2107.

Volunteer Fair Planning Interested in helping to plan and organize a Volunteer Fair? A planning meeting will be held Thursday, April 12 at 10 a.m. at SPRD. The fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 19 at Sisters Park & Recreation District. For information call Jen Binks at 541-549-1621.

Stars Over Sisters Star Party Learn about the night skies! Stargazers are invited to gather at the Sisters Park & Recreation District building on Saturday, April 21 at 8 p.m. for a free presentation and slide show. If weather then permits, plan on heading out to the SHS sports fields to observe the night sky through powerful telescopes. Questions? Contact Ron Thorkildson at 541-549-8846.

Free Meditation Group All are welcome to a free meditation group meeting on Sundays at 6:15 p.m., now located at 484 W. Washington Ave. #A, Wear comfortable clothing; no experience is necessary. Questions? Please email dawnsong03@gmail.com or text only (no voice calls) to Dawn at 541-207-7266.

Thrive Cooking Tutorial Discover the power of plants, nature's powerhouses for optimal health and nutrition. Learn how to use them for protective and healing effects at the Sisters Library meeting room from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 16, 23 & 30. Samples, demos, recipes. Free! Register with Lisa at 541-948-6628.

Sponsor an Impoverished Child from Uganda

Hope Africa International, based in Sisters, has many children awaiting sponsorship! Learn how you can make a difference in a child's life by going to hopeafricakids.org or contact Katie at 541-719-8727.

Sisters Garden Club

The next meeting of the Sisters Garden Club is at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 14 at Sisters City Hall. Judy Marco of The Rusty Garden will discuss garden art. All are welcome! For more information call 541-549-6390 or go to sistersgardenclub.com.

Bingo & Community Dinner On Monday, April 23, all are invited to Sisters High School for a night hosted by Sisters Park & Recreation District and Outlaws Together. From 5 to 6:30 p.m., enjoy a delicious dinner, just \$2 per plate. Bingo will follow at 6:30 p.m., \$15 for 11 games. There are great prizes, with a grand prize of an iPad Air 2! Questions? Call Gary Thorson at 541-549-4050.

Better Half Marathon

Start spring off right by signing up for the 6th Annual Sisters "Better Half" Marathon. This run/walk takes place Saturday, April 28 with proceeds going to the Sisters High School Swim Team. Register online at sistershalfmarathon.com. Questions? Please call Bryn at 541-549-1171 for information.

Donate Your Antiques

Sisters Kiwanis seeks donations of antiques, along with antique or vintage jewelry, for this year's Antique & Collectibles Sale on Saturday, May 26 at the Sisters Fire Hall. For more information, or to arrange for pickup of large items, please call Pam at 928-219-2288 or Leart at 541-410-2890. You may also drop off small items at Essentials at 492 E. Main Ave.

Free Pet Food

Budget tight this month, but you still need pet food for your dog or cat? Stop by the Furry Friends pet food bank, stocked with lots of pet supplies, too. Open Tuesday and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sisters Art Works building, 204 W. Adams Ave. #109. For more information call 541-797-4023.

Annual Tea & Fashion Show St. Edward the Martyr Roman Catholic Church will hold their 18th annual Tea & Fashion Show in the parish hall on Saturday, May 12 at 11 a.m. The luncheon includes a raffle, with fashions from Bedouin, Common Threads, Faveur, Wander+NW and Cabi. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased by May 3: call 541-548-5416. Proceeds support parish ministries and nonprofits in the Sisters community.

Veterans Meetings

The Sisters VFW Post 8138 and American Legion Post 86 meets at 6:30 p.m. at Sisters City Hall the first Wednesday of each month. All veterans in the Sisters area are welcome and encouraged to join. Questions? Call Lance Trowbridge at 541-903-1123 for more information.

Urban Forestry Board Member Sought by City

The City of Sisters is accepting applications for a volunteer to serve a 3-year term on the Urban Forestry Board, which guides management of the urban forest, including all trees in public right-of-way, parks and public places owned or controlled by the City. The applicant should represent the land development community. Applications are online at ci.sisters.or.us or at Sisters City Hall, 520 E. Cascade Ave., and will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18. For more info contact Nicole Abbenhuis at 541-323-5220 or nabbenhuis@ci.sisters.or.us.



Meet GUNNER, a 10-year-old Maltese seeking his retirement home. This little guy came to the shelter because his owner was in very poor health and could no longer care for him. Gunner was in a sad condition when he arrived and needed to be fully shaved; he will need some medical care to help make his life a little more comfortable. Gunner would also do best in a home without young children. Might it be yours?

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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

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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

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April Events at the SISTERS LIBRARY INFO: 541-312-1072

eBook Downloading On Wednesday, April 11 from 10 to 11 a.m., an open lab is offered where you can learn how to download eBooks and audio books from the catalog. No registration is required.

Family Fun Story Time Family Fun Story Times for kids ages birth through 5 take place at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays – April 12, 19 & 26 - with songs, rhymes, and crafts, all designed to grow young readers! Caregivers are required to attend.

Mango's Open House Thursday, April 12 at 11 a.m., come celebrate the new Early Learning Space at the Sisters Library, and the reorganization of the picture book collections. Refreshments will be served.

BollyX at the Library Saturday, April 14 from noon to 2 p.m., performer and certified instructor Jaspreet Arora will teach BollyX, a Bollywood-inspired dance and fitness program. BollyX combines choreography with music from Bollywood and around the world. Free!

Lego® Block Party At 10 a.m. Saturday, April 14, all kids up to age 11 are invited to the library to join other creative builders and a gazillion Legos for tons of fun!

Workshop: Book of Secrets Inspired by this year's A Novel Idea selection, "No One Can Pronounce My Name," this workshop on Saturday, April 21 at noon will assist participants in creating a handmade book of rarely shared ambitions, desires, and histories. Note: Registration is required by calling Paige at 541-312-1063 or online at deschuteslibrary.org.

Animal Adventures with High Desert Museum At 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 24, the High Desert

Museum presents live animals, stories, and crafts for kids ages 3 to 5. Limited to 30 kids; parents or caregivers must attend with the child.

Open Computer Lab At 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 24, an open lab is offered where ou can receive help with technical tasks and have your questions answered. No registration is required.

The Library Book Club On Wednesday, April 25, read and discuss "No One Can Pronounce My Name" by Rakesh Satyal with other thoughtful readers. The book club runs 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Partition of British India Saturday, April 28 at noon, UW professor Keith Snodgrass will explore how the British partition of India came about and how it resonates 70 years later, including how colonial practices contributed to how independence took place.