

C O M M U N I T Y

Sisters blues festival supports community

In addition to bringing stellar blues talent to Sisters in August, the Sisters Rhythm and Brews Festival is supporting a pair of Sisters community partners.

A percentage of the festival's proceeds will be donated to the Heart of Oregon YouthBuild program. For a limited time if you use the promo code: YouthBuild, you save \$20 per ticket, and an additional \$20 is donated straight to Heart of Oregon.

The festival is also supporting Sisters Habitat for Humanity. For a limited time

a discount of \$20 is offered to Habitat volunteers and supporters. In addition to the discount, each ticket sold will directly benefit building projects. Twenty dollars of your purchase will be donated to Sisters Habitat. To purchase tickets go to the hyperlink on the website www.sisters-rhythmandbrews.com and click on the "buy tickets" button. Enter Promo Code Habitat for the discount. There is a \$20 discount on each ticket purchased and

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PHOTO BY ERIC HERSEY

Will Saunders during a commercial shoot for Gregory Backpacks in Zion National Park.

Watercolors reflect Hayden's colorful life

By Helen Schmidling
Correspondent

One morning last week, every computer in the Sisters Library was in use. Patrons busily but quietly went about their tasks — job-hunting, researching history, or simply checking their email or Facebook. They may not have really noticed the beautiful watercolor paintings hanging right above each workstation, but the rich colors and soft textures lent an atmosphere of calm productivity to their tasks. The Friends of Sisters Library Art Committee covers

the library walls with color each month.

The artwork on the walls of the computer room this month is by 91-year-old Judy Hayden of Sisters. With the exception of a cheery bouquet of tulips, the paintings depict landscape scenes from Upstate New York to California to Oregon, all places where Judy has lived.

Born in Brooklyn in 1926, Judy was first introduced to watercolors in 1944 at Silver Bay Conference Center on Lake George in the

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Sisters graduate capturing the world

By Katy Yoder
Correspondent

Will Saunders knows how to work hard, push limits and say "Yes" — even if it scares him.

A 2012 Sisters High School graduate, Saunders appreciated attending a school with classes like the Interdisciplinary Environmental Expedition course (IEE). It helped shape who he is today and the career choices he's making.

IEE offers a non-traditional approach to learning English, environmental science and outdoor recreation. This integrated approach provided Saunders the opportunity to study and learn about

the natural environment by exploring and using critical thinking skills.

Saunders took what he learned in IEE and kept going. He accompanied one of his IEE teachers, Rand Runco, on a trip to Nepal where their group worked to support an education center and set up libraries in remote villages. Saunders thanked Runco in a *Teton Gravity Research* article that featured Will's accomplishments as a commercial and documentary photographer.

Runco was grateful for Saunders' kind words.

"The best part of Will is he's just a really good guy. He is kind, humble and so willing to learn," said Runco.

"Will is so talented, but always willing to do the hard things and has everyone's interests in mind. He is a true team player. It's so fun to see such a good guy having success in what he does."

Saunders has an eye for detail and perspective.

"I've always looked at the world in that way," he said. "I didn't have a camera growing up. I saw the world in an interesting way, but I didn't know how to show what I saw until someone encouraged me to be a photographer."

Saunders graduated from the University of Oregon in 2016. During his senior year, with four months left, he was

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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.

Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver Support Group 1st Tuesday, 11 a.m., Sisters City Hall. 800-272-3900.

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 One Saturday per month, Jan. thru Oct. For schedule: 541-639-3217.

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. www.sistersfol.com.

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) Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at SPRD. 541-549-2091.

Sisters Area Photography Club 2nd Thursday, 4 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-6157.

Sisters Area Woodworkers 1st Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. 541-639-6216.

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, 10:30 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 Meditation Group Sundays, 6 p.m., 484 W. Washington Ave. #A. Text only (no voice) to 541-207-7266.

Sisters Parent Teacher Community 3rd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Sisters Elementary C-wing. 971-570-2405.

Sisters Parkinson's Disease Support Group 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m., Suttle Tea. 907-687-8101 or 541-668-6599.

Sisters Red Hats 1st Friday. Location information: 541-279-1977.

Sisters Rotary Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-760-5645.

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., TSID 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.

Weight Watchers Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. weigh-in, 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. 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 Wed., 7 p.m., 67433 Cloverdale Rd. 541-548-4815. 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 Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

This listing is for regular Sisters Country meetings; email information to teresa@nuggetnews.com