

COMMUNITY

Art show will feature regional artists

The 23rd Annual Country Fair and Art Show will be at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Sisters on August 10 and 11. The invitational art show begins with an artists' reception on Friday from 5 to 8 p.m., which includes refreshments and a silent auction. The public is invited to come out and mingle with the artists.

The art show continues on Saturday along with the popular Country Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The art show and sale includes outstanding regional artists, and there is a

diverse collection of original high-quality oils, watercolors, pastels, photography, pottery, outdoor art and jewelry.

A new display format will feature every participating artist. According to organizers, there will be more room to move around and enjoy the wonderful art.

The Country Fair has long been a favorite event for family fun. Food offerings include burgers, hot dogs, and homemade Marionberry cobbler, and there will be games,

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PHOTO BY JIM ANDERSON

A unique group of young people get ready to go on a nature adventure on wheels.

'Footloose at the Fire Hall' promises fun

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Next Wednesday, August 15, 5:30 to 8 p.m., the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Hall will be the setting for Footloose at the Fire Hall, an evening of free food and fun, seeing old friends, meeting new ones, and discovering — and rediscovering — popular dances of yesteryear and today.

The idea of the evening, according to Citizens4Community board member Amy Burgstahler, is to bring people in the community together to have fun

while they “celebrate the fantastic community we live in.” Breaking bread together, while meeting new people and recreating, makes for a healthier community, a goal of C4C.

A number of instructors will be on hand to help foster community engagement, teaching a variety of dances from the Hustle to the Cupid Shuffle to a circle dance. Perhaps the highlight of the evening will be the creation, by all the attendees, of a special Sisters dance,

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Exploring nature on two wheels

By Jim Anderson
Correspondent

Last week, a bunch of excited kids headed for Suttle Lake through the safe and quiet forest. They're part of Heather Walden's Black Butte Eco-Bike Explorers.

Black Butte Eco Bike Explorers is a grassroots, nonprofit program put together to get kids outdoors to learn about ecology and conservation through art and mountain-bike exploration. The goal is to provide young people between the ages of 10 and 15 tools to make a difference and help improve and

maintain our environment.

The field trips involve real-life topics of things happening in the environment to focus on: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and to learn what goes on within natural ecosystems, and why. While they're into these subjects, they have lots of summertime fun on their bikes with their friends. This is the second summer season the program's been going, but it can grow with more volunteers.

The group meets every Wednesday throughout the summer, starting at the end of June to the last week of August. They meet at 9 a.m.,

and depart for the trails at 9:45 a.m. to explore and do their ecology studies in the Camp Sherman basin. Pick-up time is approximately 3 p.m. The participants use their own mountain bike, helmet, and backpack, and they bring their own lunch and plenty of water.

To volunteer, give Walden a call at 541-719-8021 or send her an email: BBEKids@gmail.com.

The first few weeks, the kiddos' focus is on basic bike skills and safety. Trails are easy to moderate, and

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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 Fly Tyers Guild For Saturday meeting dates and location, email: steelefly@msn.com.

Central OR Spinners and Weavers Guild One Saturday per month, Jan. thru Oct. For schedule: 541-639-3217.

Council on Aging of Central Oregon Senior Lunch Tuesdays, noon, Sisters Community Church. 541-480-1843.

East of the Cascades Quilt Guild 4th Wednesday (September-June), Stitches 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.

Go Fish Fishing Group 1st Monday, 7 p.m. Sisters Community Church. All ages welcome. 541-771-2211.

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 Wednesday, 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 Wednesdays, 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 Support Group 2nd Tuesday, 1 p.m., Sisters Community Church. 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 office. 541-549-4133.

Sisters School District Board of Directors One Wed. monthly, 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, 5:30 p.m., SPRD bldg. 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