

C O M M U N I T Y

Council awards community grants

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Sisters City Council awarded 20 community-service grants totalling \$20,000 at their August 8 council meeting. There were a total of 25 applicants requesting a total of \$63,000.

In previous years, the grant funds were available only to nonprofits providing programs in the Sisters area for the purpose of: providing assistance for essential utilities, food, medical needs, clothing or shelter; providing

educational or recreational opportunities for children or seniors; or generating/supporting economic activity in Sisters.

This year Council broadened the programs to those nonprofits meeting essential needs, educational enrichments, recreational opportunities, and other miscellaneous community needs in Sisters. For-profit entities serving the Sisters community, that met one of the previous criteria for nonprofits, could also apply

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Altan brings their Irish roots to Sisters in a free concert at Fir Street Park on Thursday.

Celtic band will close concert series

By Ceili Cornelius
Correspondent

The Celtic band Altan is the third and final installment of the Sisters Folk Festival Summer Concert Series sponsored by First Interstate Bank.

Altan is known worldwide for their traditional Irish sound. Their sound varies from sensitive and touching old Irish tunes to hard-hitting Irish jigs. Altan has danced away audiences all the way from Donegal to Tokyo and all the way to Sisters.

The band founders are Irish natives, as stated by their website: Belfast flute-player Frankie Kennedy; and Gweedore singer and fiddler Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh.

As soon as anyone met them and heard their unique music in the early 1980s, whether in a large noisy festival session, or in the little traditional clubs of Dublin

and Belfast, it was immediately apparent there was a rare power at work. Gradually the duo grew organically into a band in the mid-'80s, forged in the bustle and crack of a thousand late-night sessions and festivals throughout Ireland — the repertoire gave Altan (the name was taken from a deep and mysterious lake behind Errigal Mountain in Donegal) a totally unique stamp.

Altan is well known throughout the Celtic community, and many locals look forward to their performances. Local Scottish dancer Ann Marland, who has heard them on CD and had heard of them before they were slotted to come to Sisters, said, "I look forward to seeing them live. They don't play the traditional Celtic dance music I'm used to, they are more modern in style, however everyone will be standing up

tapping their toes.

"They have a very high energy and the band is made up of a group of very talented musicians who put on a great set of Celtic music," she said.

"We're excited to present the legendary band Altan as part of the SFF Summer Concert Series and know our patrons will appreciate the authenticity of the music they will present," said creative director of the Sisters Folk Festival, Brad Tisdell. "They lend a perfect complement to the first two shows with authentic Celtic Americana music. The band will be a great cap to the series."

Altan will be playing at Fir Street Park on Thursday, August 16 at 6:30 p.m. as the third and final installment of the free series. The festival invites folks in Sisters to bring your own chair or blanket and come tap your foot to some real-deal Celtic music.

Country Fair draws big crowd

By Jodi Schneider
Correspondent

Folks rolled in early for the annual Country Fair and Art Show hosted by the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration on Saturday under perfectly cool sunny skies.

The fair is run entirely by the members of the congregation, and Reverend Joseph Farber from Oklahoma, who joined the congregation as its new Rector just over a year ago, was enthusiastic about being part of the event.

"This is priest heaven for me," Father Farber said. "This

congregation works together to do all of this. I've never seen anything like this anywhere else. And we've been working hard on the Country Fair for weeks. It's all for the community, not a penny of it stays here. The proceeds all go back to the community for Circle of Friends, Habitat for Humanity, FAN and to everywhere else that makes this community even better."

The coolness of the morning made it easy waiting at the Sweet Tooth Booth as folks lined up for a piece of Annie's

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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 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), 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.

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) Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sisters Park & Recreation District. 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 Tues., 10:30 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 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