

C O M M U N I T Y

Art festival offers painting for kids

Art at the Ranch is offering something new for the annual Labor Day weekend event: Painting for Kids.

On Saturday, September 1, there will be two sessions, one for ages 5-7 will be from 1 to 2 p.m., and ages 8-12 will be from 2 to 4 p.m. The classes will be taught by Sisters artist Megan Phallon.

Phallon was raised in a small coastal town in Northern California. Art has been a constant in her life from an early age. She's traveled extensively in Central America and the Caribbean,

which has a huge influence on her color choices. Megan is a self-taught painter.

She has been influenced by artists like Edward Hopper, Ronald Penrose and Peter Gric. The scenery most featured in her paintings is a combination of places she has lived, including Northern California, Southern Utah, the Black Hills of South Dakota, and now Central Oregon.

She says, "I love seeing the world in an abstract way,

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PHOTO BY JODI SCHNEIDER

Nicky Merritt, Virginia Silvey, eight-year-old Amaya and Kellie Scholl, a mentor, at the entrance of Circle of Friends' new location at the corner of Main Avenue and Elm Street.

Students broaden horizons with China trip

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Four Sisters High School juniors will be able to write very interesting essays about "what I did on my summer vacation" when they return to school.

Holly Werts, Dan Schmidt, Mattie Mynatt and Brogan Petterson spent June 25-July 5 seeing the sights, meeting the people, experiencing the culture, and practicing the language while on a trip to China as part of a group of 34 students from Oregon.

Sisters schools have been

part of the Confucius Institute at Portland State University (CI-PSU) since 2013. The institute promotes cultural exchange and cooperation between the United States and the People's Republic of China.

In 2007, the China National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language (HanBan) and PSU's Office of International Affairs jointly established the Confucius Institute at PSU as a cultural resource center and non-degree-granting

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Circle of Friends has a new home

By Jodi Schneider
Correspondent

There was an added sense of excitement for the Circle of Friends children and mentors at their annual back-to-school barbeque last Tuesday organized by Executive Director Nicky Merritt. The nonprofit mentoring program celebrated the event at their new location in Sisters.

The large two-story clubhouse on the corner of Main Avenue and Elm Street opens possibilities for the program.

"This clubhouse has the potential for more interaction between mentors and kids," said board member Carolyn Gabrielson. "We have never

had our own space for a big variety of activities and now the sky is the limit."

The kids were thrilled playing lawn games in their new yard and being able to choose from school items such as backpacks, clothing, art supplies, notebooks and warm hats for winter from donations from board members, Bethlehem Inn, Heartwarmers of Sisters and Westside Church in Bend.

Sydney Jo Harrison has been a mentor to Alex for five years and is overjoyed having a kitchen for the kids.

"The clubhouse is awesome, and we can't wait to make use of the kitchen, bake

cookies and have a movie night," she said.

The building serving as the Circle of Friends clubhouse was acquired by an anonymous donor.

"The purchase of our new clubhouse came as a surprise. It wasn't in our long-term strategic plan for our fiscal year 2018-19, but an amazing one-time offer was presented," said Board Chair Virginia Silvey. "We were in a small rented space that made it extremely difficult to conduct activities and work with more than just a few of our mentees at a time. And in order to grow and reach out to more youth, we needed

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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 2nd 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