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Sugarray Ryford Band hits the stage at The Belfry.

Texas musician brings the energy to Sisters

Sugaray Rayford Band will perform at The Belfry Thursday, October 18, at 8 p.m.

Texas-born Caron “Sugaray” Rayford began his musical career at the age of seven singing and playing drums in church. His gospel influence can be heard and felt in his music today. Rayford’s phrasing is intimate and conversational, and the soulful gravel in his voice hints at his firsthand experience with hardship during his childhood marked by poverty and loss. When Sugaray belts out a song, you not only hear it, you feel it. The excitement in the room is palpable when he takes the stage. His dynamic voice is as large as the man himself. With his old-school vocal style, echoes of Muddy Waters, Otis Redding and Teddy Pendergrass can be heard.

Opening the show at 7 p.m. will be CJ Neary. Now 12 years old, CJ Neary has been asking for an instrument to play since he could speak. He began playing violin at age five, starting out with classical, then Texas-style fiddling, bluegrass, jazz, and funk. CJ is now composing, singing, and playing piano and guitar too. With multiple national titles and a Grand Ole Opry performance under his belt, CJ is currently working on his first album, with teacher Georges Bouhey, and is touring with the Bee Eaters.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 at Bendticket.com.

Look for a special discount code from Sisters Rhythm & Brews Festival. They will be announcing the 2019 festival date and handing out a few prizes during the show.

UO adds another billion to fundraiser

EUGENE (AP) — The University of Oregon (UO) has upped its ambitious fundraising goals, seeking to bring in another billion dollars over the next several years.

The Register-Guard reports that UO President Michael Schill says half of the money would go to pay for the Knight campus, matching the \$500 million coming from Nike co-founder Phil Knight and his wife, Penny.

The rest of the money would pay for projects and services around the university, including a new 60,000-square-foot classroom building, scholarships for low-income Oregonians, and student advising.

The UO announced the initial campaign in October 2014, and the new fundraising goal raises the target from \$2 billion to \$3 billion. The school hasn’t set an exact timeline for the campaign.

The UO isn’t alone in its mission to raise billions — other large public research universities in the West have similar goals, according to *Inside Higher Ed*, an online publication covering college and university topics.

The University of Washington in Seattle launched its campaign in 2016 and intends to raise \$5 billion by 2020, according to the publication. It has raised \$4.93 billion so far. The money will go toward student aid and faculty support,

Inside Higher Ed reports.

The University of Utah in Salt Lake City began its campaign in 2018 and plans to raise \$2 billion by 2022, *Inside Higher Ed* says. So far, the university has brought in \$1 billion from donors, with the money planned for improving student experience and biomedical research.

Of the additional \$1 billion the UO hopes to raise, about \$100 million would go to the PathwayOregon program, Schill said. The program provides financial support for low-income, high-academic students who are Oregon residents. About \$60 million would go to a new classroom building, which also would have faculty offices.

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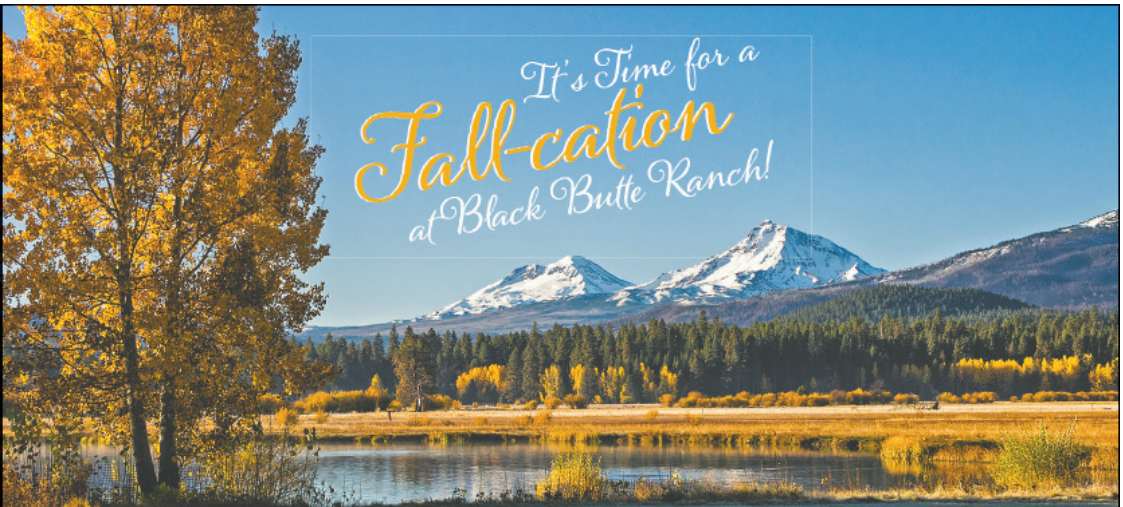
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