

C O M M U N I T Y

Homelessness persists in Sisters

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

There are currently 32 Sisters students who are without a home — living in tents in the woods, in RVs, or sharing a home with another family. This number in October is already up over last year in February. There are five children under the age of 5 living in the woods.

At the October 10 City Council workshop, members of the Sisters Community Action Team on Homelessness gave a presentation outlining the extent of homelessness in Sisters, efforts being made locally to alleviate homelessness, and long-term actions that could be taken to help.

Six speakers representing different organizations, as well as both former and current homeless residents, helped put a face on homelessness in Sisters. Speakers included: Dawn Cooper with the Family Access Network (FAN); Tom Hespe with the Kiwanis Food Bank; Ian Reid, Sisters District Ranger with the U.S. Forest Service; Lois Kaping from the Sisters Cold Weather Shelter; and Kyle Yore and Mandee Seeley, who have both experienced homelessness in Sisters due to high rental costs.

Each January, dozens of trained volunteers survey people in the tri-county area in shelters, transitional

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Zack Gulick competed on "Forged in Fire: Knife or Death." An episode featuring him airs on November 7.

Foundation launches giving campaign

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

For two decades, community volunteers have been working to enhance the education experience of Sisters students through the Sisters Schools Foundation.

From November 5 through November 15, the Foundation will be engaged in an active giving campaign, seeking

contributions to continue that tradition of funding education opportunities for Sisters youth.

Donations to the Sisters Schools Foundation may be made at www.ssd6.org/ssf/donatenow/ or checks may be mailed to Sisters Schools foundation P.O. Box 2155, Sisters, OR 97759.

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Sisters smith competes in show

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

Zack Gulick loves making knives.

The 2018 Sisters High School graduate's passion for bladesmithing has landed him a slot on the hit reality TV show "Forged in Fire: Knife or Death." Gulick will appear in Season 2/Episode 6 of the show, which airs on Wednesday, November 7 at 7 p.m. and again at 10 p.m. on History.

Gulick is working at Ponderosa Forge in Sisters until he heads out to horse-shoeing school in February. He applied to be on the show on a whim, not thinking he would be selected.

"I put in just for the heck of it," he said.

Though he's been bladesmithing for just two years, he's already made some 40 knives, and he's learned how to make them tough and durable. He made a khukri out of 5160 steel for a test video

that became part of his application. The khukri is a traditional Nepalese blade with an inward curve famously wielded by legendary Gurkha warriors, fighting men who have served with distinction in the British Armed Forces since the mid-19th century.

The khukri is a powerful chopper, and Gulick showed off its "chops" on a course he set up in his backyard. The test included chopping

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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 Family Aglow Lighthouse 4th Saturday, 10 a.m., Ponderosa Lodge Meeting Room. 503-930-6158.

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 Mondays, 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays, 4 p.m. 420 N Tamarack St. Text only (no voice) to 541-207-7266.

Sisters Parent Teacher Community 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Sisters Saloon. 541-480-5994.

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 lisa@nuggetnews.com