

C O M M U N I T Y

ASPIRE helps students plan for future

By Donna Layne
Correspondent

For many of us, fall means experiencing cool, crisp mornings, raking leaves, and preparing for the coming holidays. However, for high school seniors (and their parents), fall can inspire feelings of uncertainty and apprehension as students start feeling the crush of writing college application essays, scheduling SAT tests, investigating post-high-school possibilities, and figuring out a way to pay for it all.

Enter Sisters High School ASPIRE (Access to Student assistance Programs in Reach of Everyone), an Oregon mentoring program that helps students find education or training beyond high school.

Sisters High School's ASPIRE program is in the capable hands of Rick Kroytz, who has coordinated the program since 2015. Kroytz also works closely with and is supported by Sisters GRO (Graduate Resource Organization), a nonprofit

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Peter Hoover, investor; Pam Lovegren, community relations coordinator; Scott Nay, executive director; and Abbey Kent of Summit Management Co. led the Hard Hat Tour of The Lodge on Sunday, December 2.

Warfighter Outfitters benefit at Cork Cellars

By Jim Cornelius
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Jeannie Gilgenberg Buck's most recent TV project was an emotionally moving experience for her — so much so that she's carrying it forward to assist the locally operated veterans charity Warfighter Outfitters.

Most folks in Sisters know Gilgenberg Buck as co-owner of Cork Cellars Bistro & Wine Bar. She's also a TV editor. For eight weeks recently, she was hard at work in Los Angeles on the Netflix Original documentary

series "Medal of Honor," which recounts the stories of men who have received the nation's highest award for valor. Episode 8, "Ty M. Carter" was "her" episode.

U.S. Army Specialist Ty Carter's bravery while wounded and under fire by the Taliban in Afghanistan earned him the Medal of Honor. According to *Stars & Stripes* magazine, "As enemy forces breached the walls of Combat Outpost Keating during the deadly Battle of Kamdesh in 2009, Carter and

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Tour reveals senior living facility

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

The place to be last Sunday afternoon in Sisters was on the Hard Hat Tour at The Lodge in Sisters. More than 400 people came through the doors to tour the senior living facility currently under construction next to the post office.

Sisters resident Toni Landis told *The Nugget* on Sunday she had seen everyone she knew in Sisters at the gathering, including some she hadn't seen for 15 years. Landis said she arrived 10 minutes before the doors opened and there was a long line waiting.

The center portion of the building, with a porte-cochere in the front, contains the entry, library/parlor, theater/chapel, activity room, game room,

grandroom with fireplace, 24-hour café, and restaurant dining room. High ceilings create a feeling of spaciousness throughout the residence.

In wings off either side are 62 individual residences: studio, one-, and two-bedroom units. Pam Lovegren, community relations coordinator, reported that as of last Sunday, exactly 50 percent of the residences are reserved. The first move-ins are expected to occur in mid-to-late February.

All units have fully accessible bathrooms off each bedroom. The one- and two-bedroom units have spacious walk-in bedroom closets. Every unit has an interior entrance from the hall and an external door to a small concrete patio.

There are partial kitchen facilities available in each

unit with cabinets and counter, kitchen sink, 10.2 cubic foot refrigerator, and microwave. For residents who wish to do some baking or cooking, the activity room will have a full kitchen.

Lovegren described The Lodge as "a boutique community with all the amenities of a larger senior community, but with only 62 residences, all on one level. We are a tailor-made community — no cookie-cutters here."

The level of care ranges from fully independent living to assisted living to just before a person would qualify for memory care, perhaps being at risk of harming themselves or others. The Lodge staff will assist the family in finding appropriate placement in that case. Temporary short-term

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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. 541-549-6469.

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.ssd.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