

COMMUNITY

Starry Nights tickets on sale December 14

Tickets will go on sale for Starry Nights Presents "An Acoustic Evening with Lyle Lovett and John Hiatt" on Friday, December 14 at noon.

The concert takes place on Tuesday, January 29 at Sisters High School and is a benefit for the Sisters Schools Foundation. Lovett and Hiatt are donating their time to support programs and activities for students in the Sisters School District.

All seats are reserved, with tickets priced at \$95 and \$75. Tickets will be

available for online purchase at www.sistersstarrynights.org.

Doors open at 6 p.m., with Sisters High School Americana, Jazz Choir and Jazz Band students performing, complimentary delights served by Sisters High School Culinary Arts students and a silent auction. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. with the two musical legends sharing the stage for a performance showcasing their songs and the stories and inspirations behind them.

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PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Bear and Mary Gray dedicated their new habitat for Humanity home last weekend.

Winter Blues Ball will warm Sisters night

Sisters Rhythm and Brews is serving up an evening of high-energy dancing and music all in the holiday spirit on Humanity Saturday, December 15 at The Belfry in sisters.

In collaboration with The Heart of Oregon Youthbuild and Habitat for Humanity, they are presenting the Winter Blues Ball, featuring this summer's blues festival favorite, Down North.

The night kicks off with some tasty bites during cocktail hour. Doors open at 6 p.m.

There is a good chance

you will find the perfect gift for that special someone during the auction held after cocktail hour. There is an exciting array of items to bid on, ranging from local art pieces, massage and spa packages, to a season pass at Hoodoo Ski Area.

All auction proceeds benefit local youth and affordable housing. The Heart of Oregon is a Central Oregon-based nonprofit that provides job skills, education, and leadership development to over 300 local youth each

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Sisters family has a new home

When Bear and Mary Gray broke ground for their future Habitat home nearly a year ago, they had a good laugh because they had to shovel snow before finding the dirt. This past weekend, only a ribbon had to be cut and the front door opened for the Grays to enter into their new Habitat home.

The Grays worked hard during the past year in order to get to the point of owning their own home. As part of the homeownership program, future homeowners earn sweat equity by volunteering at the Thrift and ReStore, on the construction site and helping with office work. The Grays well exceeded

the required 500 hours by working more than 900 total, said family partners Marsha Lewis and Gayla Nelson.

"Bear and Mary were always at their home ready to help, and I had to constantly find work for them to do, Construction Manager Darleene Snider joked. "Mary is painter extraordinaire and Bear is a great cabinet finisher," she told the crowd, reminding them to check out the kitchen cabinets when they toured the new home.

The Grays are well known in Sisters and more than 60 friends, family and Habitat supporters came out on the late Sunday afternoon to

celebrate. Paul Stone, the Gray's son, blessed the home, and told the crowd how the home is a "dream re-realized" for his parents. In the past several years, the Grays have had to move often, but they always made a home no matter where they lived, he said. Now they will own a home of their own with an affordable zero-interest mortgage.

"It was a delight working with Bear and Mary," Lewis said as she and Nelson presented the couple with a basket of goodies. "Bear and Mary are huggers and I'm a hugger too, and they had a sense of joy during this entire

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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.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