

C O M M U N I T Y

Shelter staff will meet with community

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Sisters Cold Weather Shelter (SCWS) is hosting a meeting on Monday, February 4, at 6 p.m. in the Sisters Fire Hall community room.

Interested members of the public and neighbors who live near the churches providing shelter accommodations are invited to come hear from shelter organizers and to engage in a conversation about neighbor concerns regarding the shelter,

including possible remedies. A number of topics are possible for discussion, including: the shelter's "screening process" of guests and weapon control as it exists today; temperature guidelines for being open that are different at different shelters and the impact on SCWS; possible solutions to help lessen neighborhood and community concerns; and arrival and departure of shelter guests.

Chairperson for the

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PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

The Ayala family of Sisters dedicated their new home with Sisters Habitat for Humanity.

Bruce Cockburn will headline festival

Bruce Cockburn will headline the 2019 Sisters Folk Festival.

Cockburn will perform Saturday, September 7, as part of the three-day music festival where "all the town's a stage" and intimate performances occur throughout 11 venues in town.

Few recording artists are as creative and prolific as Bruce Cockburn. Since his self-titled debut in 1970, the Canadian singer-songwriter has issued a steady stream of acclaimed albums every couple of years.

Cockburn says, "Part of

the job of being human is just to try to spread light, at whatever level you can do it...

More than 40 years after embarking on his musical career, Cockburn keeps "kicking at the darkness so that it might bleed daylight."

While Cockburn had been popular in Canada for years, he did not have a big impact in the United States until 1979, with the release of the album "Dancing in the Dragon's Jaws." The album's first single, "Wondering Where the Lions Are," reached No. 21

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Ayala family dedicates new home

Many happy tears and thank-yous were shared last week as Silvia Ayala and her three children celebrated the dedication of their new Habitat home. The Ayala family is the 66th family to purchase a home through Sisters Habitat for Humanity homeownership program, and this home is the second home to be built in partnership with the Heart of Oregon Corps YouthBuild.

"This is one of the most important days of our lives. My mom is a single mother. She works very hard and deserves this. I am very appreciative to have my mother by my side and I am appreciative to all the people who helped make this possible," Silvia's son Jose Rojas

told the volunteers and crew from Habitat and Heart of Oregon Corps YouthBuild.

Thirty-five students have worked on the Ayala house since construction began 10 months ago, YouthBuild construction manager James Collins told the crowd. Heart of Oregon Corps YouthBuild is a nonprofit organization invested in inspiring and empowering change in the lives of Central Oregon youth through jobs, education, and stewardship. Their programming creates pathways out of poverty while stimulating regional economic growth. They apply a "work-earn-learn" model that invests in local young people, many of whom come from disadvantaged backgrounds, to

prepare them for the workforce and to encourage their self-sufficiency.

When a family is selected into the homeownership program, they are teamed with family partners. Judy Osborne and Suriana Iverson have helped Silvia through the process, and Iverson, as district community liaison for the Sisters School District, partnered and acted as a translator for Ayala.

"I hope they realize what a valuable resource they have in Suriana. This wouldn't have happened without her," Osborne said.

Even though Iverson was available to translate, Osborne said, "Words are

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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, noon, 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** 3rd 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 2 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 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.

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- Sisters City Council** 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.
 - Sisters Park & Recreation District Board of Directors** 1st & 3rd 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