

# COMMUNITY

## Sisters Rodeo to unveil poster on Friday

The 2019 Sisters Rodeo poster will be unveiled at a ceremony on Friday, February 22, at Dixie's in Sisters from 4 to 6 p.m.

Serendipity sometimes takes charge, as Sisters Rodeo experienced in the development of this poster.

Rochelle Villanueva attended her first Sisters Rodeo in 2018, where she took lots of photographs. She was inspired to share a riveting shot of a barrel racer with Sisters Rodeo through the rodeo email address.

The photograph was so

impressive that it was forwarded to the rodeo's board of directors. Rodger Dwight, who manages the rodeo posters, responded that this would make a great poster.

A request to Villanueva was greeted with extreme excitement, since part of the reason for the rodeo visit with her husband, Kevin, was to practice her photography. She is a member of a photography club in Eugene.

Villanueva, whose family immigrated to the United

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Poet Aurora Masum-Javed and artist Larry Krone enjoy the "magical" winter welcome at Caldera.

## Scientist delves into fake news, propaganda

The Internet and social media make information easier to find than ever before. From pranks to parody to propaganda, we are exposed to misinformation every day.

Companies such as Facebook and Google have pledged to fight back with artificial intelligence, developing algorithms to detect falsehoods automatically. But will it work?

Dr. Daniel Lowd says the answer is complicated. He will speak at The Belfry on Tuesday, February 26, for the second winter lecture in the 2018-19 Frontiers in Science

series, sponsored by the Sisters Science Club.

Staying even one step ahead of determined "fakers" is a major challenge.

"Neural networks can find patterns in text and graphs," he explains, "but artificial intelligence itself can be fooled."

For example, some algorithms consider how many people follow a Twitter account, but such followers can be bought. "Likes" for false Facebook posts can be paid for and mass-produced,

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## Poets and artists welcome visitors

By T. Lee Brown  
Correspondent

Nine artists and writers will share their work this Saturday at Open Studios for Caldera's AiR (Artists in Residence) program. Guests can hear new poetry, see works in progress, meet the residents, and tour studios on the shores of Blue Lake.

"Amazing," says poet Aurora Masum-Javed of her residency at Caldera. "It's so magical."

Residency programs nourish artists and other creatives by providing space and time specifically for creating their work. Yaddo, an East Coast residency, is famous for its social scene and cocktails. Northwest residencies

like Hypatia-in-the-Woods, Soapstone, and Signal Fire have been treasured for their remote, natural locations.

Caldera combines the two modes. Artists in residence find plenty of solitude, living and working in simple cabins, dorm rooms, and private studios. They hike the lonely hills of Deschutes National Forest outside their doors.

Yet community also develops. Residents share group meals once a week. They may meet up in the Brad Cloepfil-designed Hearth Building, cooking lunch, rehearsing with a grand piano, or hanging out in the library.

Masum-Javed says the combination of solitude and companionship of other artists gives her "a contagious

feeling of permission."

Winner of the Winter Tangerine Award, Masum-Javed was a finalist for the Pablo Neruda Poetry Prize and the BWR Flash Prose Contest. She was also a Pushcart Prize nominee.

After teaching for about 10 years, Masum-Javed saved enough money to write intensively for a year or so, residency-hopping as she goes.

She plans to share new work from a collection of poems focused on her relationship with her mother, a physicist and single mom. Exploring the political identity of daughterhood shapes the work.

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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.

**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), Stitches 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.

### 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** 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