

# COMMUNITY

## Sisters Farmers Market moves into the future

By Katy Yoder  
Correspondent

The Sisters Farmers Market is rolling out a fresh, new look and format. There will be activities for all ages and a new logo. Instead of Fridays, it will run from June to September on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fir Street Park. New offerings include a showcase with activities like crafts, cooking demonstrations and talent shows.

Last year, the market was struggling with erratic vendor numbers late in the season.

This year Rachel Kelleher, market manager, hired T. Lee Brown of Plazm to help transition to the new day and time, community-oriented programming, sponsorships and a well-choreographed marketing effort. The event was in need of revitalization.

Organizers are grateful for the generous support from local sponsors. Metabolic Maintenance started a rush of generosity from organizations that include the Cottonwood Café, Roundhouse

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PHOTO BY JODI SCHNEIDER

The Easter Bunny was on hand for the Sisters Easter Egg Hunt, an annual tradition presented by local firefighters.

## Habitat Thrift Store to host grand opening

A grand opening celebration is scheduled at Sisters Habitat for Humanity's new Thrift Store at 211 E. Cascade Ave., for Saturday, April 27.

The celebration will start at 9 a.m. at the former building, 141 W. Main Ave., to honor the store founders. This will be followed by a procession to the new location for a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Volunteers and staff have been working since November revamping the former Sisters Drug and Gift building into a new location for Habitat's Thrift Store. The retail space includes a large

area for clothing, a book corner, toys, housewares and an expanded section for antiques and collectibles.

"The volume of donations has grown tremendously with the population growth of Sisters, and our space and donation drop-off area have been less than ideal for several years. The new location sales floor is more than 5,500 square feet and our sorting and receiving area is 1,800 square feet. The volunteers are very excited to have more space to process donated

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## Kids collect thousands of eggs

By Jodi Schneider  
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The sunshine warmed hundreds of eager young egg-hunters crowded into Creekside Park waiting in anticipation for the start of the 40th annual Sisters Easter Egg Hunt. The Park overflowed with 4,000 colorful plastic eggs hidden in the grass, behind trees, on rocks, and nestled in the pine needles.

Volunteers from Sisters-Camp Sherman and Cloverdale fire departments co-sponsored the Easter Egg Hunt and early on Easter morning they hid the eggs and divided the park into four areas, one for each age group.

This year Avery Duetz, first-year fire medic student, took charge as Easter Egg Hunt coordinator.

Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Chief Roger Johnson was on hand to talk to *The Nugget*.

"I think this event is a great opportunity for the community to get together and have fun," he said. "Plus, it's an opportunity to share fire safety with kids, it's a great connection for us."

Tim Craig, deputy fire chief, added, "This event and events like this are one of the primary things we like to have with our community. It's the engagement that we get within the fire district to interact with the community to spread our message of fire

safety and general safety as well."

The Easter Bunny arrived on the scene with his own basket of goodies, greeting the excited kids before the egg hunt began.

Sisters resident Spurge Cochran has portrayed the honorary Easter Bunny for 40 years.

Eggs in general are a traditional symbol of fertility and rebirth, and brightly colored eggs, Easter egg rolling, and Easter egg hunts have become integral to the celebration of Easter today. The custom of an Easter egg hunt began because children believed that the Easter hare laid eggs in the grass.

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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), 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.

**Sisters Middle School Parent Collaboration Team** 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., SMS. 541-610-9513.

### 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