

# COMMUNITY

## Pine Meadow Ranch hosts Creative Round-Up

Pine Meadow Ranch will present Creative Round-Up at Fika Sisters Coffeehouse, featuring two current artists in residence on Tuesday, May 14 at 3 p.m. Fika Sisters Coffeehouse is located at 201 E. Sun Ranch Dr. on the edge of the Sisters Industrial Park.

Artists Bean Gilsdorf and Diane Jacobs will present current works in progress, talk about their creative practices and answer questions about their work and residency experience at Pine Meadow Ranch.

“We are excited to share with the community for the

first time the diversity and depth of practice that the artists possess who are in residence at Pine Meadow Ranch,” said founder Kathy Deggendorfer.

Bean Gilsdorf is a writer and visual artist based in Portland. She is currently working on an essay about a falconry seminar she completed last year, and the discipline’s connection to vision, ecology, behavior, and historic preservation.

Diane Jacobs is a visual artist, also from Portland, who

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PHOTO BY JIM ANDERSON

Samra Spear and Joelle Asson drying their batik fabrics as part of a recent IEE excursion to Whychus Creek.

## Neuroscience asks: Is your mind your own?

From the second of your birth to this very moment, your brain has been rewiring its connections, based on what you see and hear, smell, taste and touch.

Human brains are basically the same in their general organization and distribution of their 100 billion nerve cells. But at the microscopic level – varying on the strength of 1,000 trillion individual connections prompted by sensory input – each of us is unique.

And thus, says Dr. Bob Collins, each brain builds a “mind” as individual as it is

subjective. In the last two decades, neuroscientists have actually found where and how the brain uses consciousness to create the mind you call your own.

Dr. Collins will speak at The Belfry on Tuesday, May 7, for the final lecture in the 2018-19 Frontiers in Science series, sponsored by the Sisters Science Club.

“The details are disturbing,” Dr. Collins says. “By the end of this lecture, you will be in a state of agitated denial

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## The art and science of watersheds

By Jim Anderson  
Correspondent

The students of Sisters are on a quest to learn more about our local waters with the help of Kolleen Miller, education director of the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council, and her fellow educators.

Water development projects are the backbone of agriculture in Sisters Country, and it’s vital that students understand the mechanics and biology of water in our lives.

Within the high school’s tool box of learning there is a host of educational resources that every one of the students has access to.

Last Monday, one of those educational tool

boxes popped open again: The Interdisciplinary Environmental Expedition (I.E.E.), led by science teacher Samra Spear. It’s a course composed of a group of community learners working together to provide students with a balanced, in-depth understanding of the world around them.

Spear and her Outlaw IEE students climbed on their bikes and rode off to the banks of Whychus Creek on the Pine Meadow Ranch property, where they were met by a team of education volunteers.

Kolleen Miller and her team have been working with the Sisters Outlaws IEE program for several years, opening the doors to natural

resource conservation and learning together to make it a project that not only meets educational goals but also provides artful windows in the future for the students.

She has been working with the foundation and high school students of the area since 1996, and she has seen the goals of her job come to life: “I have been working with students along rivers and streams for 17 years. My belief in the importance of connecting kids to nature is just as strong today as it was on the very first day I walked along a stream with 6-year-olds up in Alaska. Whether six or 16, all students benefit from spending time in nature.

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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.

**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