

COMMUNITY

Local art key feature of Country Fair

Over the past 20 years, the Country Fair and Art Show has become an integral part of the community outreach effort of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. It has helped provide over \$250,000 to the community's support agencies.

Last year, the fair organizers decided to experiment with a simpler, invitational format for the Art Show. This allowed the fair to host a non-juried show with no entry fees.

"We were pleasantly surprised by the positive comments we received," Art Show volunteer Janet Shaver

reported. "It proved to have a less crowded art display area and no restriction of times for delivery and pick-up of art. We invited artists who would give us a wide variety of media: photography, oils, watercolor, pastels, pottery, collage, scratchboard and jewelry. It also required fewer demands on our committee members and improved promotion for our artists. Each year we will strive to have less repetition with a better and more open presentation of the artwork."

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PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

The Islas family celebrated their new home in Sisters last week.

Book club seeks to 'bridge divide'

By Jim Cornelius
Editor in Chief

In an arena where people increasingly retreat defensively into their own corner of the ring, real engagement among people of differing cultural and political perspectives is harder and harder to come by.

Lane Jacobson, the owner of Paulina Springs Books in Sisters, is trying to change that, at least here in the local community.

This fall, Paulina Springs Books is launching the

Bridging The Gap Book Club.

The club, Jacobson said, "basically just aims to start the conversation — bridge the gap — between the ever-polarizing left and right."

The approximately 10 to 14 participants will be selected to reflect views and outlooks of people all along the political spectrum.

"We're going to have a survey where people will self-identify a lot of things about themselves," Jacobson explained.

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Many hands provide a home in Sisters

Many hands go into the building of a Sisters Habitat for Humanity home, and when that home is dedicated those supporters show up to celebrate. It was no exception last week when Sisters Habitat for Humanity dedicated the home with the Islas family.

Nancy and Roberto Islas are well-known in the community, and the attendance at the dedication was a confirmation of that fact. The couple has lived in Sisters for 15 years, and they are the 67th family to purchase a home through Sisters Habitat for Humanity homeownership

program. Roberto works at Hoyt's Hardware and Nancy is a stay-at-home mom with her three boys.

"I loved seeing all the people in the community that came to support us and love us. I thank the volunteers, friends and co-workers. I moved here 17 years ago to work and support my mother and brother. This is the first home that will be truly mine. I will own it. Our boys will have a yard to play in. I'm so excited for our garden," Roberto said after the ceremony.

When a family is selected into the homeownership

program, they are teamed with family partners. Paula Reents and Bill and Wendy Birnbaum have helped the Islas family through the journey to homeownership.

"Roberto would landscape and make improvements wherever they lived even though they were rentals. Now those improvements will be on his own home — congratulations," Bill Birnbaum told the crowd.

It can take two years from the time a family is accepted into the Habitat program until they move

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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., The Lodge in Sisters. 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, 2 p.m., The Lodge. 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 Library. 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