

COMMUNITY

Furry Friends needs donation facility

When the Sisters community drops off redeemable bottles and cans on the side porch at *The Nugget*, they are incrementally contributing to the health, well-being, and happiness of many Sisters families. Furry Friends Foundation (FFF) helps families in need keep their beloved pets in their home by providing pet food, supporting emergency veterinary services, and sponsoring spay and neuter services.

The redeemables collection brings in about \$8,000 a year.

“It’s our biggest funding source,” said FFF founder and director, Kiki Dolson.

All of those cans and bottles require sorting — according to Dolson, about 22,000 per quarter — which are picked up by Oregon Beverage Recycling.

The person who has picked up, sorted, and stored the materials for pick-up for the past seven years is stepping away from the task — and FFF needs a new place to do the work.

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Ron Artis II is returning to the Sisters Folk Festival next month.

Stone sculptors make rock solid art, friendships

By Helen Schmidling
Correspondent

Turning a stone into a work of art is hard work. It’s dirty. It’s noisy. It can be toxic. And it’s addicting. Ask any one of the artists participating in the International Stone Carving Symposium this week at Suttle Lake Camp. The camp wrapped up with a big outdoor show of stone sculptures on Saturday.

Dozens of people roamed the site, running their hands over finished work, and barely resisting the temptation to touch sculptures-in-progress,

in spite of the “Do Not Touch” signs. The sculptures, both real and abstract, were displayed atop rough wood pedestals; and as the morning sun rose higher in the sky, each reflected or refracted light in different directions. Such is the beauty of carved and polished stone.

Symposium Director Doug Wiltshire said that at any given time during the week, between 50 and 60 sculptors worked on their art, sponsored by the Northwest Stone Sculptors Association

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Fan favorite to play, teach at festival

By Ceili Cornelius
Correspondent

Ron Artis II & The Truth are the encore artists for the Sisters Folk Festival this year.

After their rousing success at last year’s festival, the band will be back performing their soulful blues-rock at multiple venues in town. Artis, who recently moved himself, his wife and three daughters to Portland, is looking forward to playing the festival again this year. They moved to Portland due to the fact that his touring has taken off in the past months, and it was easier to be closer to things, versus their home in Hawaii.

Artis, who grew up playing music, loved the range of

talent on stage at the Sisters Folk Festival.

“One of my favorite parts of playing the festival was recognizing the educated ears of listeners there, and the festival is very specially curated and organized and I felt honored to be there,” said Artis.

Artis is not only returning to play, but will be one of the instructors at the Americana Song Academy at Caldera the week leading up to the festival. It is his first time teaching at the camp.

“I am really looking forward to not only teaching my own classes, but sitting in on a few of the others taught by fellow artists,” he said.

Artis will be teaching three days of classes, each with its own theme. The first

day’s goal for his students is to find out who they are musically and what is their own sound and story, and take that journey.

“That part of it — finding who you are as an artist — is equally as hard as the craft itself,” he said.

The second day will be about finding your groove and feel as a performer.

“I will teach ways of finding a rhythm and focus on an emphasis on listening,” he said.

The third day will be even more of a focus on learning how to listen to your bandmates and fellow musicians and really highlight the importance of collaboration.

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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