

COMMUNITY

Book festival to feature poet laureate

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Correspondent

“Sisters is graced with one of Oregon’s great independent bookstores,” said author and Oregon Poet Laureate Kim Stafford. “Paulina Springs will bring the experience of books, usually a solitary pleasure, to the wider community. I can’t wait to be part of this festival.”

Stafford will be one of the featured authors at the first Sisters Festival of Books, October 18-20.

Attendees at the festival

will have multiple opportunities to hear from Stafford, depending on what tickets they purchase. If having dinner with Stafford and other authors on Saturday night at Paulina Spring Books sounds like fun, Friends of the Festival packages are available for purchase. He will also be presenting during the day on Saturday at Sisters Middle School, for which general admission tickets are available. More information is available, and tickets can

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Mama Celia’s Gourmet Foods has been a staple at Sisters Farmer’s Market this season, offering tasty samples.

Sisters Rodeo selects 2020 queen

The 2020 Sisters Rodeo Queen, Mary Olney of Warm Springs, was chosen at Sisters Rodeo grounds from a group of highly qualified cowgirl competitors on September 22.

Mary is the niece of Warm Springs Chief Delvis Olney, Sr. She was raised in a rodeo family. Her father was a rough-stock rider and her three brothers are all bronc and bull riders. Even her grandmother, Catherine Watah, was a bareback rider.

“I was raised by some of the toughest cowgirls in the Northwest,” Olney explained, “They instilled in me a love

for animals, rodeo and the Western way of life.”

Three weeks ago, Sonia Heath, Mary’s mother, dreamed that Mary was chosen as Sisters Rodeo queen. “I couldn’t have had a better daughter than the one I have,” Sonia said. “She herself is a dream for any mother of daughters.”

The new queen, a graduate of Madras High School, has served on student council and was a member of National Honor Society and FFA. She played soccer and softball,

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Farmers market to close out season

Music, bellydance, and beekeeping will enliven this Sunday’s closing-day celebration at Sisters Farmers Market. Organizers are inviting the community to “Come bee happy with us!” at Fir Street Park 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Appaloosa will play an hour-long set of their original “High Desert Americana” tunes at 11 a.m., followed by a bellydance performance by SheyZa Samson, a teacher at Life. Love. Yoga.

On the sweet side of things, honey will be available for sale — and Master Beekeeper Jimmy Wilkie of Broadus Bees will present a special hive demonstration for kids and adults alike.

Vendors can change from week to week, but recent highlights include crunchy

fresh carrots and fragrant herbs from Seed to Table, melt-in-your-mouth golden potatoes from Mahonia Gardens, and freshly baked bread from Boone Dog’s wood-fired ovens.

Chanterelles from Clover Canyon Farms, infused oils and vinegars from Mama Celia’s, fresh peaches and nectarines from Baird Family Orchards, and Coho Coffee’s tasty cookies and pastries tempt shoppers, too.

Locally handcrafted items include unique Sisters-themed T-shirts, stickers, and cork caps. Natural body-care products, art and photographic goods, local CBD, and environmentally friendly shoe-shine have been available in the market’s September lineup, along with locally

ranch and pastured meats, eggs, and cheeses.

Open from the beginning of June to the end of September, the market is supported by Metabolic Maintenance, The Cottonwood Café, *The Nugget Newspaper*, She Soars Psychiatry, Plazm and Xpress Printing, along with donors, volunteers, and vendors. Grants from the City of Sisters and The Roundhouse Foundation support late-season cultural and community programming.

Sisters Farmers Market runs every Sunday through the end of September at Fir Street Park. (located one block north of Cascade Ave./ Highway 20 at the corner of East Main and North Fir Street). Learn more at www.sistersfarmersmarket.com.

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 Clubhouse. 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 Speak Life Cancer Support Group 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 10 a.m. Suttle Tea. 503-819-1723.

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