

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spanish Conversation Group Forming

A Spanish conversation group for anyone and any level to practice Spanish will begin on Thursday, October 17 at 10 a.m. at Fika Sisters Coffeehouse. The group will meet weekly if there is enough interest. Contact Dick Falxa at dfalxa@bendcable.com or 541-280-2742 for more information.

Community Wildfire Protection Open House

The Greater Sisters Country Community Wildfire Protection Plan is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, October 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District at 301 S. Elm St. Please come and provide your input! Call 541-322-7129 for info.

Bell Choir Seeks Players

Sisters High Desert Bell Choir has immediate openings for 2 players. Music reading is essential and practices are on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. There will be free training available to anyone who applies. For more information call Lola at 541-390-4615.

Sisters Aglow Lighthouse

All men, women and teens are welcome for an encouraging time of worship, message and ministry. Sisters Aglow Lighthouse Fellowship is gathering at the Ponderosa Lodge Meeting Room on Saturday, October 26, from 10 a.m. to noon. Our speakers are Joy Durham and Debbie Bucher. We will also hear from Daniel Faludi, who leads worship at David's Tent in Washington, D.C. Worship will be led by Kim Williams. For additional info call 503-930-6158 or email dana.herman.54@gmail.com.

Habitat Groundbreaking Ceremony

Sisters Habitat for Humanity will hold a groundbreaking ceremony with the Neal family to celebrate the beginning of construction of their new home. The ceremony starts at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23 in the south end of the Village Meadows neighborhood near the intersection of N. Brooks Camp Road and N. Desert Rose Lane. All are invited. Refreshments will be served. Call 541-549-1193 for info.

Sponsor an Impoverished Child from Uganda

Hope Africa International, based in Sisters, has many children awaiting sponsorship! For more information go to hopeafricakids.org or call Katie at 541-719-8727.

THIS WEEK'S Highlights

Wednesday, October 16
Community Wildfire Open House
6 to 8 p.m. at Sisters Fire Station

Thursday, October 17
Spanish Conversation Group
10 a.m. at Fika Sisters Coffeehouse

Thursday, October 17
Alder Springs Geology Hike
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Alder Springs Trail

Monday, October 21
Go Fish Meeting
7 p.m. at Sisters Community Church

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The Go Fish Group will meet Monday, October 21 at 7 p.m. at Sisters Community Church. The program will be presented by Bill Seitz of Bend and will focus on the "Nuts and Bolts" of nymphing techniques applicable to Central Oregon rivers and streams. For more info contact 541-771-2211.

Stars Over Sisters Party

Learn about the night skies! Stargazers are invited to gather at the SPRD building on Saturday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m. for a free presentation and slide show. If weather then permits, plan on heading out to the SHS sports fields to observe the night sky through powerful telescopes. For information call 541-549-8846.

Sisters Speak Life Cancer Support Group

This cancer support group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at Suttle Tea in their back room from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Caregivers as well as patients and family members are welcome to join in. Please contact Suzi Steele at 503-819-1723 for more information.

Organ Donor Awareness

A new nonprofit is in the planning stages to educate the community on the importance of organ donation. Fundraisers and events will be discussed. If interested in taking part, please call Fifi Bailey at 541-419-2204.

Sisters Newcomers Club

A Newcomers' Club specific to Sisters-area new residents is starting up! Call Karee at 541-719-0050.

Volunteer for Parks Board

The City of Sisters is accepting applications for a volunteer position on the City Parks Advisory Board for a 3-yr. term. Applicants must live within the Sisters School District boundary. The Board advises the Council on matters pertaining to the acquisition, development, maintenance and preservation of public parks, trails & open spaces, meeting every first Wednesday at 4 p.m. Applications are at www.ci.sisters.or.us or at Sisters City Hall at 520 E. Cascade Ave. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday, October 25. For info contact Patrick Davenport at 541-323-5219 or at pdavenport@ci.sisters.or.us.

Alder Springs Geology Hike

Join the Deschutes Land Trust and Derek Loeb for a geology hike to Alder Springs on Thursday, October 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Descend into the canyon from the top of the Crooked River National Grasslands, then hike to Alder Springs and follow Whychus Creek to where it meets the Deschutes River. Learn about the geology of the canyon and Alder Springs' conservation. Register at www.deschuteslandtrust.org/hikes-events. Info: 541-330-0017.

Social Security: Unlock Its Potential

Join Casey Miller of Hartford for this 45-minute lunch-hour class on Thursday, October 24 at 12:15 p.m. at the Sisters Library to learn the options and implications for taking Social Security benefits and how to maximize them. Call 541-549-1866 for more information.

Senior Luncheons & More

Adults age 60 and older are invited to join the Council on Aging Senior Luncheon, served every Tuesday at Sisters Community Church. Coffee and various fun activities begin at 11 a.m. with lunch served at noon. Bingo is played after lunch until 2:30 p.m. For information call 541-480-1843.

Dementia Caregivers Group

A free support group for caregivers of those suffering with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia takes place the first Tuesday of each month from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Sisters City Hall. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, meetings provide emotional, educational, and social support. Call 800-272-3900 or go to alz.org/oregon.

Volunteer for Sisters Festival of Books

Sisters Festival of Books could use a few more volunteers on Saturday, October 19 for the author readings at Sisters Middle School. Interested? Email info@sistersfob.com or call Ann at 541-549-0998.

Career Funds Available

Applications are available for the Sisters Kiwanis Career Opportunity Fund to help adult residents of Sisters establish an occupational path. Pick up forms at the Kiwanis House, corner of Oak and Main, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays, and during regular hours from the Sisters Habitat for Humanity office. For additional information, please call 541-410-2870.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat Parade

The Annual Halloween Trick or Treat Parade is happening on Halloween afternoon, Thursday, October 31. Open to children aged 0-10 and their parents/caregivers. Gather at the Fir Street Park by 3:15 p.m., in costume, ready to follow a route through town, trick-or-treating at local businesses. Registration is required and forms are at the Sisters Library and the elementary school. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Kiwanis Food Bank. Call 541-410-9070 for more info.

Parkinson's Support Group

The second Tuesday of each month, Sisters Parkinson's Support Group meets at The Lodge in Sisters from 2 to 3:30 p.m. All are welcome to learn, share, and receive support. For more info contact Carol at 541-668-6599.

Tai Chi/Balance Sessions

Free Tai Chi/Balance Classes based on the CDC "Steady" Program to reduce injuries and falls in our community are being sponsored by Sisters Drug. Taught by Shannon Rackowski every Thursday from 11-11:30 a.m. (except holidays) at the SPRD Fitness Room next to Sisters High School. Open to all ages. For info: 541-549-6221.

Sisters Library COMING EVENTS

Family Fun Story Time
Family Fun Story Time for kids ages birth through 5 takes place at the Sisters Library on Thursdays, October 17, 24 and 31 from 10:30 to 11 a.m., with songs, rhymes and crafts, all designed to grow young readers. Caregivers must attend. Info: 541-617-7078.

The Library Book Club
Read and discuss "The Wife" by Alafair Burke with other thoughtful readers at the Sisters Library on Wednesday, October 23, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Info: 541-617-7078.

Pumpkin Party
Pumpkin-decorating, stories and games for ages birth to 11. No registration required. Sisters Library on Saturday, October 26 at 10 a.m. Info: 541-617-7078.

Furry Friends Blue Bag Fundraiser

Collecting bottles and cans for Furry Friends is now easier than ever. Pick up the plastic blue bags at our office or from the basket on The Nugget porch. Fill the bag with your returnable bottles and cans and Furry Friends gets the funds. For more information pick up a flyer at your next drop-off or call 541-797-4023.

Creative Crafters Wanted

Soroptimist Holiday Bazaar will be held at Crook County Fairgrounds Grizzly Building on Saturday, November 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Booths are available for crafters to display and sell their creations. For more information call Neva 541-447-4290.

Batacular!

The Deschutes National Forest in partnership with Discover Your Forest will host Batacular, an educational and family fun day on Saturday, October 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Deschutes National Forest headquarters at 63095 Deschutes Market Road in Bend. Participants will learn about bats while enjoying crafts, games, snacks, tips to inspire guests to become Bat Heroes, a mini cave to explore, a photobooth and much more! Free, open to the public, and Halloween costumes are welcomed! For questions, please call Stacey at 541-383-5530 or stacey.cochran@discovernw.org.

Support for Caregivers

A free support group for those who provide care in any capacity meets at The Lodge in Sisters at 10:30 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month. Info: 541-771-3258.

PET OF THE WEEK

Humane Society of Central Oregon
541-382-3537



Meet MOMMA DOG, an exceptionally delightful senior mastiff mix who is looking for her forever home! Momma is a staff favorite at the shelter because she is so friendly with everyone she meets! This gentle lady has an incredibly wonderful personality and is looking for the quiet and loving retirement home that she deserves. If you are looking for a sweet and gentle senior lady to add to your family then Momma is the dog for you!

Sponsored by
CUSTOM HORSE CARE
Susan Marcoux
541-410-1421

SISTERS-AREA CHURCHES

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (ELCA)
386 N. Fir Street • 541-549-5831
10 a.m. Sunday Worship
shepherdofthehillslutheranchurch.com

Sisters Community Church (Nondenominational)
1300 W. McKenzie Hwy. • 541-549-1201
10 a.m. Sunday Worship (with signing)
sisterschurch.com | info@sisterschurch.com

St. Edward the Martyr Roman Catholic Church
123 Trinity Way • 541-549-9391
5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
9 a.m. Sunday Mass
8 a.m. Monday-Friday Mass

Calvary Chapel (Nondenominational)
484 W. Washington St., Ste. C & D • 541-588-6288
10 a.m. Sunday Worship

The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration
68825 Brooks Camp Road • 541-549-7087
8:30 a.m. Ecumenical Sunday Worship (Sunday school, childcare) 10:15 a.m. Episcopal Sunday Worship (Sunday school, childcare)

Chapel in the Pines
Camp Sherman • 541-549-9971
10 a.m. Sunday Worship

Sisters Church of the Nazarene
67130 Harrington Loop Road • 541-389-8960 | sistersnaz.org
10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship | 2sistersnaz@gmail.com

Westside Sisters
442 Trinity Way • 541-549-4184 | westsidesisters.org
9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship
6 p.m. Worship the 3rd Tuesday of each month

Vast Church (Nondenominational)
1700 W. McKinney Butte (Sisters High School) • 541-719-0587
9:37 a.m. Sunday Worship | vastchurch.com

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
386 N. Fir Street • 541-595-6770, 541-306-8303
11 a.m. Saturday Worship

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
452 Trinity Way • Branch President, 541-420-5670;
10 a.m. Sunday Sacrament Meeting

Baha'i Faith Meetings
Devotional Gatherings, Study Classes and Discussion Groups. Call for location and times • 541-549-6586