

C O M M U N I T Y

Four churches to provide winter shelter

By Sue Stafford
Correspondent

Sunday, December 1 marks the beginning of the fourth year the Sisters Cold Weather Shelter will open its doors to those members of the community who find themselves without stable housing during the winter months.

This year four local churches are sharing their facilities to provide temporary housing each evening during December, January, and February:

- December 1-15 Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.
- December 16-January 12 Sisters Community Church, The Hangar.
- January 13-February 9 Westside Church (New Hope building).
- February 10-29 Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration.

This will be the first year the Lutheran Church is hosting the shelter. Westside Church has leased

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Volunteers honored by Deschutes Land Trust

The Deschutes Land Trust presented Central Oregonians with volunteer awards at its annual open house on October 24. Pat Green and David Miller were honored as Volunteers of the Year. This award is given annually to Land Trust volunteers who have provided outstanding service in the last year.

Pat Green has been a Land Trust volunteer since 2016. A retired forest ecologist, Pat donates her time for a variety of Land Trust projects including office work and co-leading the Weed Warriors in the battle against invasive weeds.

Weed Warriors would be lost without her, as she has spent countless hours bent down toward the earth, doing the hard work needed to create healthy habitat for our native plants. From pulling massive mullein to detailed plant identification, Pat has been there, crowbar and gloves in hand, to fight this good fight. Pat was presented with one of two 2019 Volunteer of the Year awards.

David Miller has been a Land Trust volunteer since 2010. During his decade of

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PHOTO BY HELEN SCHMIDLING

Paul Bennett and Susan Emmons display Bennett's painting "The Knot Rider."

"The Knot Rider" rides again

By Helen Schmidling
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A dozen or so years ago, renowned Sisters artist Paul Alan Bennett applied brush to board and created a whimsical piece called "The Knot Rider."

Bennett told *The Nugget* the story of how the idea for the painting came to him.

"I knew this man who loved to tie knots. He always carried six feet of rope in his pocket, so that he could

demonstrate his knot-tying knowledge to all of his friends.

"One day, he emailed me a picture of one of his knots. The knot reminded me of my knit style in the way that the rope was made, and the shape of the knot reminded me of a horse. As this was around the time of the Sisters Rodeo, I thought it would be kind of funny to do a variation on a bull rider, but this would be, instead, 'The Knot Rider,'" Bennett said.

The painting is a giant knot, perhaps a bowline, bucking like a bull, with a man in a suit and a fedora. The man is hanging on to one end of the rope; in fact, he's at the end of his rope. The whole bucking rope casts a shadow on the ground. The Three Sisters are in the background.

The rope, the ground, and the rope's shadow feature Bennett's traditional knit

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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 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, 1 p.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.
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- 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** 2nd & 4th 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.
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- 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