

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Dear Santa

Letters to Santa can be dropped off at the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce, 291 E. Main Ave. across the street from First Interstate Bank. Please make sure you have a return address on them so Santa will know where to answer. Deadline is December 19 in order to receive a letter back. Call 541-549-0251 for more information.

## Presidential Debate Watch Party

Join Indivisible Sisters & Indivisible Redmond to watch the sixth Democratic presidential debate. Popcorn & politics! Thursday, December 19 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. (debate begins at 6 p.m.) at Sisters Public Library, 110 North Cedar St. Info: 541-400-8312.

## See's Candy Sales

The Kiwanis Club of Sisters will be holding their annual See's Candy Sales fundraiser in a trailer in the Ray's Food Place parking lot ending on Tuesday, December 24 (or sooner if all the candy is sold). Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day. Stop in and purchase some of the best chocolate and support Kiwanis in their efforts to provide scholarships and career-change assistance as well as a number of other service projects. Every penny of profit goes back to the community. Info: 541-588-6255.

## Bell Choir & Renaissance Sisters Concerts

Sisters High Desert Bell Choir, Renaissance Sisters recorder ensemble and vocalist Marilyn Anthony will present free concerts on Saturday, December 21 at 1 p.m. at Sisters Library; and Saturday, December 21 at 5:30 p.m. at Black Butte Ranch. Call Lola at 541-390-4615 for more information.

## Christmas Concert

Renaissance Sisters recorder ensemble, joined by vocalist Marilyn Anthony, will present a Christmas concert on Monday, December 23 at 6 p.m. at the Lodge in Sisters. Come enjoy this opportunity to hear beautiful Renaissance, contemporary and even some jazzy seasonal songs as well as many sing-along carols! For info call Lola at 541-390-4615.

## Furry Friends Needs Help

Cash donations are down this holiday season and Furry Friends Foundation needs your support. Please consider a donation to this vital Sisters area program. By operating two pet food banks, a coat and pet supply bank, sponsoring spay/neuters/vaccination, Furry Friends helps keep pets at home and out of shelters. Donate online at [www.furryfriendsfoundation.org](http://www.furryfriendsfoundation.org) or call 541-797-4023.

## 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](http://alz.org/oregon).

## THIS WEEK'S Highlights

**Thursday, December 19**  
**Presidential Debate Watch Party**  
5:30 to 9 p.m. at Sisters Library

**Saturday, December 21**  
**Winter Solstice at the Labyrinth**  
4:30 p.m. at East Portal

**Saturday, December 21**  
**Bell Choir & Renaissance Concert**  
1 p.m. at Sisters Library  
5:30 p.m. at Black Butte Ranch

**Monday, December 23**  
**Christmas Concert**  
6 p.m. at the Lodge in Sisters

**Wednesday, December 25**  
**Christmas Dinner**  
1 p.m. at Sisters Fire Station

## Seed to Table Seeks Board Applicants

Seed to Table is seeking applicants for an open board position. They operate a 1.5-acre nonprofit farm in Sisters educating 1,300 students a year and feeding 200 families a week nutritious and locally grown produce, in season. The mission is to increase health and wellness of the Central Oregon community through providing equal access to locally grown, nutritious foods and offering opportunities in farm-based education. The board meets monthly. Interested parties should email board chair Jeff Tryens at [jeff.tryens@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.tryens@gmail.com) to receive a board job description and application form. The deadline for applying is January 7, 2020.

## Sisters Library JANUARY EVENTS

### Family Fun Story Time

Family Fun Story Time for kids ages birth through 5 takes place at the Sisters Library on Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, and 30 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.

### Know '20s — Modern or Modernistic?

Consider art deco architecture and design with Keith Eggener, professor of Architectural History at University of Oregon. Friday, January 17 at noon at Sisters Library. No registration required. Call 541-312-1032 for more information.

### The Library Book Club

Read and discuss "Arctic Dreams" by Barry Lopez with other thoughtful readers at the Sisters Library on Wednesday, January 22, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Info: 541-617-7078.

### Music in Public Places

Enjoy an hour of music from the Central Oregon Symphony at Sisters Library on Saturday, January 25 at 2 p.m. No registration required. Call 541-312-1032 for more info.

## Winter Solstice at the Labyrinth

All are invited to celebrate Winter Solstice with silent meditation and labyrinth walk at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 21. Bring a flashlight. Optional: battery candle, a warm drink to sip around the fire pit afterward. Families with young kids: email in advance to arrange a special, non-silent walk. Sisters Community Labyrinth is located in East Portal at the corner of Hwy 242 and W. Hood Ave. Restrooms will be closed; parking lot will be open. Info: [neworegonarts@gmail.com](mailto:neworegonarts@gmail.com), [neworegon.org/events](http://neworegon.org/events), 503-997-0301.

## Christmas Dinner

On Christmas Day, the Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD and the Sisters-Camp Sherman Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Association invites the public to the Annual Sisters Community Christmas Dinner to be held Christmas day at 1 p.m. in the Sisters Fire Station Community Hall located at 301 S. Elm St. Everyone in the community is welcome and no reservation is required. For more info contact the Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD at 541-549-0771.

## Black Butte Ranch RFPD Board Meeting

The Black Butte Ranch RFPD Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 25 has been cancelled. Call 541-595-2288 for more information.

## Thich Nhat Hahn Sangha Meditation Group

Weekly on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. at 737 E. Black Butte Ave. For more information please email Kathryn at [Katindahood2@gmail.com](mailto:Katindahood2@gmail.com).

## PET OF THE WEEK

Humane Society of Central Oregon  
541-382-3537



Meet TWINKIE, a wonderful Great Dane! This giant pup quickly became a staff favorite at the shelter because of her delightful personality. Twinkie is a very large dog and needs a family with the space and resources to be able to take care of such a big pooch! If you are looking for a giant and friendly dog to add to your family then Twinkie is the pup for you!

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## Call to Artists for Library Annual Art Exhibit

The Sisters Library Annual Art Exhibit is happening January 8 through February 28, 2020. All Sisters Country artists who want to participate are invited to submit work on Saturday, January 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the library's Community Room. Invitations may be downloaded from the website [sistersfol.com](http://sistersfol.com), or are available at the library's information desk. People's Choice Awards will be announced at the Reception on Friday, January 24 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more info, please call Zeta at 541-549-6157.

## 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.

## 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

## 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 1 to 1:30 p.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.

## Christmas Church Services in Sisters Country

### Christmas Eve in the Park

Vast Church invites the community to a Christmas Eve service at Fir Street Park Tuesday, December 24 at 4:30 p.m. It will include the Christmas story, hot cocoa, singing of Christmas songs and candle-lighting. 541-719-0587 or [vastchurch.com](http://vastchurch.com) for info.

### Christmas Services at Sisters Community Church

Sisters Community Church is hosting a "Blue Christmas" service on Saturday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m. The service is intended for those who are mourning and seeking comfort for their souls. Everyone is invited to Sisters Community Church Tuesday, December 24 for a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5 p.m. For info call 541-549-1201 or go to [sisterschurch.com](http://sisterschurch.com).

### Christmas at Westside

Westside Church will host a Christmas Experience Sunday Service on December 22 at 10 a.m. On Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, Westside Sisters will hold a candlelight service at 5 p.m. with light refreshments and free family photos at 4 p.m. For info call 541-549-4184 or go to [westsidesisters.org](http://westsidesisters.org).

### Christmas Services at St. Edward the Martyr

Mass at St. Edward the Martyr Roman Catholic Church for Christmas Eve will be held at 5:30 and 8 p.m.; Christmas Day Mass is scheduled for 10 a.m. Solemnity of Mary Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. New Year's Eve and at 10 a.m. on New Year's Day. For more info call 541-549-9391 or go online to [stedwardsisters.org](http://stedwardsisters.org).

### Christmas Eve at Calvary Church

Calvary Church in Sisters will host at Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24. Service will end promptly at 6 p.m. For information call 541-588-6288 or go to [ccsisters.org](http://ccsisters.org).

### Episcopal Church Christmas Services

On Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration invites everyone to a 4 p.m. family service with Holy Eucharist and children's living nativity, and a traditional service with Holy Eucharist at 9 p.m. For info: 541-549-7087 or go to [episcopalsisters.com](http://episcopalsisters.com).

### Shepherd of the Hills Christmas Services

On Tuesday, December 24 at 9 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church presents a traditional candlelight service with Christmas hymns. For information call 541-549-5831 or visit [shepherdofthehillslutheranchurch.com](http://shepherdofthehillslutheranchurch.com).

### Christmas Eve at Sisters Church of the Nazarene

All are invited to a family-friendly Christmas Eve service with singing, hearing the Christmas story, and candle-lighting on Tuesday, December 24 from 4 to 5 p.m. The church is located at 67130 Harrington Loop Rd, off Gist Road. For more info call (541) 392-8960 or visit [sistersnaz.org](http://sistersnaz.org).

### Christmas Eve in Camp Sherman

All are welcome to the Chapel in the Pines Christmas Eve service, which will be held at the Camp Sherman Community Hall (F.S. Rd. 1419). There will be carols, the Christmas story, and gifts for the children! The service begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 24. Questions? Contact Kathi at 541-549-9971 or [kathibeacham@gmail.com](mailto:kathibeacham@gmail.com).

### Highland Baptist Church

Family-friendly Christmas Eve Services will be held at Highland Baptist Church, 3100 SW Highland Ave. in Redmond, on Tuesday, December 24 at 4 and 6 p.m. For more information, call 541-548-4161 or go to [hbciredmond.org](http://hbciredmond.org).