

# COMMUNITY

## Filmmakers producing new documentary

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For Eli and Kelly Pyke, living a life of adventure and exploration has provided a sense of freedom and rejuvenation not easily found in traditional day-to-day life.

In 2015, the Pykes were at a critical point in life and marriage; they had become first-time parents, were struggling to find balance in their relationship together and realized they needed a big change. An idea was formed to purchase a used motor home and travel the country with their young son. The trip was a big undertaking

and risk, both emotionally and financially. The outcome was uncertain, however with commitment, faith and hope equipping them, every challenge and accomplishment held deep meaning.

For almost a year and while traversing over 10,000 miles, the family found beautiful reconnection and healing while reintegrating back into the wild spaces they both loved. The Pykes wanted their experiences to provide hope to others, so in 2018 they produced a documentary film titled "A Far Green Country." The film

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PHOTO BY BRAD TISDEL

Eleven Sisters High School students performed original music for an Americana Project assembly last week. Lala Debari (far left) served as master of ceremonies.

## Americana Project students shine

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The Americana Project assembly was a spectacle enjoyed by performers, students, and teachers alike on Tuesday, February 25, at Sisters High School.

Over the past few weeks, Sisters High School teacher Rick Johnson, Brad Tisdell and Dave Elhe of Sisters Folk Festival, and students of the Americana Project worked as a team to put together an assembly that Tisdell described as "a testament to the talent and dedication of young artists at Sisters High School."

Tisdell also noted that, "The program, as a collaboration between Sisters Folk Festival and Sisters School

District, has been providing opportunities for self-expression, creativity, songwriting, recording and performing for young people for 20 years."

About two weeks prior to the assembly, students in the class auditioned in front of Tisdell, Johnson, and singer/songwriter Beth Wood. Once added to the performer list, students worked with Wood on a variety of skills like harmonizing and dynamics, in order to make their songs the best they could be.

The day prior to the assembly, Tyler Cranor's music tech class helped sound check the performers, a task that involves making sure every instrument is plugged in, and that everyone can be heard equally during their performance.

In all, 11 students performed at the assembly; as solos, duos, and even bands. Among those 11 were Sierra Henneous and Lydia Bartlett. Henneous, a senior at SHS who has been in the Americana Project all of high school, said being in the assembly "was really fun. As a performer it's way less nerve-wracking to be up there with somebody else, so I'm really grateful to have Bevyn [Dyre] with me. It also felt like the assembly was way more appreciated this year than last year."

Henneous and Dyre often write original music together, and at this assembly performed Henneous' new song, "Flight Attendance."

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## Dance ensemble brings the world to Sisters

There is something magical about discovering, experiencing, and celebrating cultures and their traditions.

Through folk dance and music, the BYU International Folk Dance Ensemble brings that exploring fun onto the stage in their 90-minute show, "Journey." Performing dances and music from around the world, this ensemble fills the stage with colors, rhythm, and history.

Journey is a voyage of dance and music through

the heartbeat of the world's cultures.

In this show, the audience will see dances ranging from Irish hard shoes, American clogging, Ukrainian Hopak, exotic Indian dances, and much more. It is a kaleidoscope of furious footwork, pulsing rhythms, live music, and authentic costumes radiating the magic from across the globe.

The ensemble invites

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## SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

### BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

**Al-Anon** Mon., noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. / Thurs., 10 a.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 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, SPRD bldg. 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), Stitches 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) 2nd & 4th 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.

**Citizens4Community, Let's Talk** 3rd Monday, 5:30 to 8 p.m. RSVP at citizens4community.com

**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** 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., Takoda's. 541-760-5645.

**Sisters Speak Life Cancer Support Group** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 1 p.m. Suttle Tea. 503-819-1723.

**Sisters Trails Alliance Board** 1st Monday, 5 p.m. Sisters Library. Public welcome. 808-281-2681.

**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** 2nd Tuesday, 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, 3:30 p.m., Black Butte School. 541-595-6203.

**Sisters Christian Academy Board of Directors** Monthly on a Friday. Call 541-549-4133 for date & time.

**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, 4:30 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