

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sisters Community Garden

The Sisters Community Garden has raised bed garden plots available for the 2020 gardening season. Application materials and information are available on the garden's website, SistersCommunityGarden.org. For additional information, call 503-313-3076.

Furry Friends Foundation

Furry Friends office will be closed through March. At this time individuals can still pick up pet food from the Sisters Kiwanis food bank, Thursday, 9 am to 2 pm. If you are out of pet food and do not have the means to purchase during this period, call or text 541-797-4023 to arrange for a pickup outside.

Matter of Balance Falls Prevention Class

This community workshop will teach practical coping strategies to reduce the fear of falling. This evidence-based class includes some lecture, discussion and exercises to work on at home. Classes will be held at the Sisters Fire Station Community Hall on Mondays from 1 to 3 pm between April 6 and June 1 (no class on Memorial Day). Cost is \$10 for the 8-week session. Please contact Shannon Rackowski at shanrack@gmail.com or 541-272-0529 to register.

Sisters Aglow Meeting

All men, women and teens are welcome for an encouraging time of worship, message and ministry. Sisters Aglow is gathering at the Ponderosa Lodge meeting room, Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. Sharing with us will be Bob and Beverly McDaniel, Prophetic Prayer Leaders from Ignite Faith Church in Redmond. Worship will be led by Lori Roberts. For additional information please call 503-930-6158 or email dana.herman.54@gmail.com

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, call Fifi at 541-419-2204.

Taize Contemplative Service

Gather at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration on Wednesday, March 18 from 7 to 8 p.m. for an evening of song and contemplation. Taize prayer is meditative service that brings people together in a wonderful

blend of song and silence. The short chants sung over and over allow one to enter into a beautiful experience of peace and healing. The music comes from the contemplative community of Taize, France, founded by Brother

Roger in the 1940s. Questions? Contact Carol-Joy Brendlinger caroljoyhome@gmail.com

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 Sister Drug. Taught by Shannon Rackowski every Thursday from 11-11:30 a.m. (except holidays) at the SFRD Fitness Room next to Sisters High School. Additional class open to the public every Tuesday at 2 p.m. at The Lodge in Sisters. Open to all ages. For more information call 541-549-6221.

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 additional information please contact Carol at 541-668-6599.

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 the Sisters Park & Recreation District building. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, meetings provide emotional, educational, and social support. For more information call 800-272-3900 or go to alz.org/oregon.

Discover Your Forest

Discover Your Forest, in partnership with the Deschutes National Forest, is hosting a Volunteer Information Night on Wednesday, March 18 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Members of the public will be introduced to a wide variety of upcoming opportunities to support public lands throughout Central Oregon during spring and summer of 2020. The meeting will be held at the Deschutes National Forest headquarters: 63095 Deschutes Market Road in Bend. For more information and to RSVP for the event, contact Stacey Cochran, at 541-383-5530 or stacey.cochran@discovernw.org.

ART-i-facts Interactive Art Experience

Sisters Country is invited to attend the 23rd annual celebration of the arts at Sisters High School! Bring the whole family to participate and interact with the students and community at our pop-up art stations. Activities include stencil-painted T-shirts, collaborative art stations, silent auction, a take-away prize for "filling your passport" by visiting all stations, and more! Live entertainment from SHS music programs and refreshments. Thursday, March 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at SHS Commons. \$5 per person, \$20 family price. Call 541-549-4045 for more info.

Equinox Walk

Light and darkness are balanced on the first day of spring. All are welcome to gather, contemplate, and walk the labyrinth together. Free. Gather at 5:30 p.m. Labyrinth walk begins at 6. Thursday, March 19 at Sisters Community Labyrinth, East Portal Park (between Les Schwab and Bi-Mart on Highway 242/ W Hood Ave). Info: neworegonarts@gmail.com or 503-997-0301.

Book Donations Needed

Book donations are needed and much appreciated for the annual Quilt Show Book Sale to be held on July 11. Please bring your bags of books to the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce building at 291 E Main Ave., Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for drop off; a receipt will be provided. Book sales will benefit the Three Sisters Historical Society. Call Karen at 415-637-7186 for more information.

Sisters Chorale Cancellation

The Sisters High Desert Chorale is cancelling its Spring season set to begin on March 23 at 6:30 p.m. This cancellation includes all Monday night rehearsals and concerts. The Chorale apologizes for any inconvenience and disappointment resulting from this change. Any questions may be directed to Connie Gunterman at 541-588-0362.

City of Sisters Seeks Budget Committee Members

The City of Sisters is accepting applications for three "in-city" volunteers to serve on the Budget Committee. The appointment is for a 3-year term that will begin in May, 2020. The Budget Committee meets each spring to review the budget proposed by the city manager. The City encourages interested parties to apply for the opening by completing an application by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 20. Applications are available at Sisters City Hall, 520 E. Cascade Avenue, or visit the City's website at www.ci.sisters.or.us. Please send applications and resumes to the following address: Joe O'Neill, Finance Officer, P.O. Box 39, Sisters, OR 97759. For additional information please contact: Joe O'Neill at joneill@ci.sisters.or.us.

Because event schedules are changing daily with changing guidelines concerning COVID-19, we at *The Nugget Newspaper* recommend that you call to confirm events and meetings before attending.

Food for Kids

From March 9 to 18, Sisters Girl Scouts will be collecting kid-friendly non-perishable food to help Sisters families in need through the Kiwanis Food Bank. Drop-boxes are located at Sisters Elementary School. Call 541-549-8981 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. Lunch is served at noon. Due to ever-changing health precautions related to COVID-19, please call for current status 541-480-1843.

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.

Sisters Library COMING EVENTS

In light of recent developments, all Deschutes Public Library locations will close to the public at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 16. The plan is for a tentative reopening date of April 1. Library material due dates will be extended to an appropriate date following re-opening.

While all locations will be closed, Deschutes Public Library offers a wealth of free online resources that the public can access from home or anywhere they happen to be with an internet connection, including eBooks and audio books, streaming movies and television shows, digital magazines and music, information databases, and more. The library is increasing its collection of digital materials, such as eBooks and digital audiobooks, during this time. Visit www.deschuteslibrary.org/books/downloads for more information about digital resources, and www.deschuteslibrary.org/about/news/news?NewsID=8273 to explore more of what's available online.

During the closure, library staff will work to provide online tutorials to help customers learn how to access the digital resources available to them, and will livestream via Facebook select programs that were originally planned to take place in the libraries (www.facebook.com/deschuteslibrary). Story time videos for young children will also be available beginning March 18 on the library's kids' page (www.deschuteslibrary.org/kids). If the public has questions, they can phone their local library between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The phone number for Sisters Library is 541-312-1070.

THIS WEEK'S Highlights

Wednesday, March 18
Taize Contemplative Service
7 p.m. at Episcopal Church

Thursday, March 19
Equinox Walk
6 p.m. at Sisters Community Labyrinth

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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 Church (NW Baptist Convention)

484 W. Washington St., Ste. C & D • 541-588-6288
10 a.m. Sunday Worship | ccsisters.org

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
10 a.m. Sunday Worship
6 p.m. Worship the 3rd Tuesday of each month

Vast Church (Nondenominational)

541-719-0587 • 9:37 a.m. Sunday Worship
Temporarily meeting virtually. See vastchurch.com for details.

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

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