

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Furry Friends Pet Food

The Furry Friends (FF) office is closed but is still offering free dog or cat food to those in need. Pet food can be left outside the Sisters Art Works building where the FF office is located. It will be marked with your first name only. Pick-ups are available at an agreed upon time. (It can't be left outside for very long as other critters may get into it.) Please call or text Furry Friends at 541-797-4023.

Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends, a mentoring program in Sisters, is continuing to find innovative ways to reach out and assist their mentors, children and families. Current needs include childcare to allow parents to continue to work, internet/computer access for online learning, supplies for at-home learning and activity kits, and even basic needs, such as food and medical access. Circle of Friends has also established an emergency fund to provide immediate response for the most pressing needs. Contact Kellie at 503-396-2572 to help.

Family Access Network

Since FAN is a Sisters School District program and in view of the social distancing requirements, FAN will be closed for the Sisters School District two week spring break, planning to return on April 6. Sisters FAN has been checking in with the most vulnerable clients before the two week spring break. They have food and supplies needed. All clients can call the 211 hotline for info and resources needed.

Community Assistance During COVID-19 Pandemic

Age Friendly Sisters Country announced that VAST church is eager to help, picking up prescriptions, delivering groceries or food, helping however they can. People in need can call 541-719-0587 and press 1 to be connected to Mikee Stutzman, Ministry Coordinator or email her at admin@vastchurch.com. VAST Church is willing to help as long as resources and volunteers allow.

Weekly Food Pantry

Westside Sisters Church has a weekly food pantry on Thursdays. For the next several weeks, food will be distributed drive-through style from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the New Hope building, 222 N. Trinity Way. People in need of food may drive through the parking lot and pick up a bag of food for their household. Other Sisters-area churches are joining with Westside Sisters to contribute financially to help sustain the program. Call 541-549-4184 for more information.

Kiwanis Food Bank Change

Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank is making an operational change based on the evolving response to COVID-19. Beginning Thursday, March 19, visitors will be encouraged to shop for two weeks instead of one week. The Food Bank will then be closed every other week temporarily. This action is for the protection of volunteers, reducing their exposure by half. The Food Bank opens at 9 a.m. on Thursday. Questions? Email info@sisterskiwanis.org.

Sisters Community Church

Do you need help with running errands or deliveries or more? Sisters Community Church has volunteers available and is cultivating a caring community. Call Wendy at 541-389-6859. Visit the church website at www.sisterschurch.com.

Pandemic Partners Sisters Facebook Page

A Facebook page has been set up to connect Sisters community members needing help with those willing to volunteer. Go to the link below, then ask to join and the moderators will approve those who qualify: www.facebook.com/groups/502740160418961/.

Sisters Business Online Forum

A new online forum for all owners of businesses located in Sisters has been created. If you have any business — retail, professional, trade or otherwise — you can sign up for free. This is not a news or chamber site, but rather an exchange of ideas to help your business survive the Coronavirus and thrive once the crisis is past. Initially the discussion will relate to handling the effects of the virus. When the virus threat is over the forum will function as a community hub, sharing details of ideas, events, sales, marketing, and basically any other information related to running a business in the wonderful town of Sisters. Share your business and marketing ideas that have worked for you, and even some that haven't. There's strength in community! Register online at SistersBizOwners.freeforums.net

AA Meetings

As a result of COVID-19 mandates on meeting size and locations, Alcoholics Anonymous meetings in Sisters are currently continuing in creative ways. Some meeting times have moved to an online Zoom platform. Others are not meeting at this time. To talk to an alcoholic, find out about Zoom meetings in Sisters, or any other questions about Alcoholics Anonymous you can call one of the numbers below or go online at coigaa.org. Call Anne Z: 503-516-7650 or Jan: 541-647-8859 or Agnes: 541-588-6778.

5 Day/500 Mask Challenge

Sisters resident Pete Shepherd led an effort last week to sew masks for healthcare providers in Sisters. As of noon on Friday, March 27 almost 50 people had contributed to producing 390 masks which will be distributed to The Lodge in Sisters, Dr. May Fan's office and Our House, an adult foster care home in Sisters. Medical professionals will use the masks to help protect patients, staff and residents. When this effort began, few healthcare providers in the region were formally encouraging the production of homemade masks. That quickly changed. Now, healthcare providers like St. Charles Health System have published preferred designs. Pete encourages the community to continue making masks according to the St. Charles model and to coordinate efforts through one of the social media networks, such as Central Oregon Emergency Mask Makers (*see other announcement this page*).

Central Oregon Emergency Mask Makers

Central Oregon Emergency Mask Makers is a Facebook group started to produce Personal Protective Equipment for medical personnel and people at risk. The group is working closely with St. Charles and currently has over 2,000 members and is still growing! Efforts now are focused on Phase 1, which is cloth masks. Coming phases will include face shields, which will require volunteers with access to 3D printers. The owner of Stitches 'n Post has helped with fabric donations and the group hopes to rally more people in the Sisters community to join the effort. See the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/2621082848019730/ or email Laura at chopsticks0036@gmail.com for more information.

Habitat Thrift Store

Sisters Habitat Thrift Store and ReStore will remain closed until Governor Brown cancels the "stay home" executive order. However, the ReStore may be of assistance if anyone is in emergency need of a household appliance. Contact Sisters Habitat at 541-549-1193.

Sisters Library COMING EVENTS

In light of recent developments, all Deschutes Public Library locations are closed to the public. 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.

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- GARDENING
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- HONEYBEES
- HYACINTHS
- LADYBUGS
- MOTHS
- PEAS
- RAISEDBEDS
- SEEDLINGS
- SEEDPACKETS
- SPIDERS
- SPINACH
- WOODPECKERS

PET OF THE WEEK

Humane Society of Central Oregon
541-382-3537



Meet **LITTLE GIRL**, a sweet long-haired kitty who is ready to find her forever family! This adorable cat was born with a deformed paw and should be indoors only as she may have difficulty escaping predators. Little Girl is a little on the shy side at first, but loves to receive butt rubs and head scratches from friendly humans! If you are looking for an adorably sweet kitty with a great personality then Little Girl is the cat for you!

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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
Temporarily meeting virtually. See sisterschurch.com for details. | 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 | 2sistersnaz@gmail.com
Temporarily meeting virtually. See sistersnaz.org for details.

Westside Sisters

442 Trinity Way • 541-549-4184
Temporarily meeting virtually. See westsidesisters.org for details.

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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