

# 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.

## 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](http://www.sisterschurch.com).

## 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](mailto:admin@vastchurch.com). VAST Church is willing to help as long as resources and volunteers allow.

## 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/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/502740160418961/).

## 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](mailto:info@sisterskiwanis.org).

## 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.

## 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. There's strength in community! Register online at [SistersBizOwners.freeforums.net](http://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](http://coigaa.org). Call Anne Z: 503-516-7650 or Jan: 541-647-8859 or Agnes: 541-588-6778.

## Sisters Community Garden

The Sisters Community Garden has a few raised bed garden plots available for the 2020 gardening season. Application materials and information are available on the Garden's website, [SistersCommunityGarden.org](http://SistersCommunityGarden.org). For more information, please call 503-313-3076.

## Black Butte Ranch RFPD Board Meeting

In response to the current health emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Black Butte Ranch RFPD facilities are currently closed to the public and meetings are being held electronically. For information on the April 23 board meeting, please contact Jamie at 541-595-2288 or [jvohs@blackbutteranchfire.com](mailto:jvohs@blackbutteranchfire.com).

## 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 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/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2621082848019730/) or email Laura at [chopsticks0036@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## STARS...Sisters Transportation and Ride Share

During the current pandemic STARS is expanding services to include pick up and delivery of pre-ordered groceries, health care products and prescription refills. Orders must be pre-paid. The driver service is doorstep to doorstep. STARS drivers can pick up bagged or boxed food and health care products from Oliver Lemons, Smokehouse, Bi-Mart and Ray's Market. Drivers can also pick up prescription refills with patient authorization from Sisters Drug.

Volunteer availability remains the same for this expanded service as for medical appointment rides: Monday to Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. STARS dispatch schedule however has been extended to accommodate added services.

To schedule rides or deliveries call STARS dispatch at 541-904-5545 on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. A volunteer will gather information and schedule your ride or delivery assisted by online software. Drivers will contact their clients by phone to clarify requests and verify the service date and time. STARS dispatch strongly suggests 48 hour advance notice to allow time to reach and schedule available drivers.

STARS drivers are community members who generously donate both time and gas so that Sisters Country residents can get much needed help. All volunteers are screened and trained. All drivers continue to follow our CDC guided health protocol.



BY KATHY DEGGENDORFER

## PET OF THE WEEK

Humane Society of Central Oregon  
541-382-3537



Meet Walla, a cute little guinea pig who is looking for his forever family! This friendly man loves to snuggle with his favorite humans while munching on tasty treats! Like most pets, guinea pigs need daily care and socialization to keep them happy and healthy! If you are looking for a handsome guinea pig to add to your family then Walla is the piggy for you! Hurry down to the Humane Society of Central Oregon and meet Walla today!

NOTE: Walla is a repeat from last week because he is currently the only available animal at HSCO!

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541-419-0872

## SISTERS-AREA CHURCHES

### Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (ELCA)

386 N. Fir Street • 541-549-5831  
10 a.m. Sunday Worship  
[shepherdofthehillslutheranchurch.com](http://shepherdofthehillslutheranchurch.com)

### Sisters Community Church (Nondenominational)

1300 W. McKenzie Hwy. • 541-549-1201  
Temporarily meeting virtually. See [sisterschurch.com](http://sisterschurch.com) for details. | [info@sisterschurch.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:2sistersnaz@gmail.com)  
Temporarily meeting virtually. See [sistersnaz.org](http://sistersnaz.org) for details.

### Westside Sisters

442 Trinity Way • 541-549-4184  
Temporarily meeting virtually. See [westsidesisters.org](http://westsidesisters.org) for details.

### Vast Church (Nondenominational)

541-719-0587 • 9:37 a.m. Sunday Worship  
Temporarily meeting virtually. See [vastchurch.com](http://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