#### NOTICE OF BUDGET **COMMITTEE MEETING**

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the Fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, will be held via

GoToMeeting. In response to the current health emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, District facilities are currently closed to the public and meetings are being held electronically.

The meeting will take place on May 19, 2020 at 3 p.m. A second meeting, if needed, is scheduled for May 20, 2020 at 3 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. Public comment will be taken in written and phone-in format. Written comments received by

9 a.m. on May 18, 2020 will be read during the public comment section of the meeting on May 19, 2020. Comments by phone will be taken on a scheduled basis during the public comment section of the meeting on May

19, 2020. Comments, both written and phone-in, will be subject to a three-minute limit per community member. To schedule public comment, please provide your name, phone number, and address to the district at 541- 549-0771, or email to

spor@sistersfire.com. Public comment must be scheduled no later than 9 a.m. on May 18, 2020. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Call-in instructions are as

Tue, May 19, 2020 3 p.m. +1 (872) 240-3212 Access Code: 618-721-445

follows:

(If needed) Wed, May 20, 2020 3 p.m. +1 (646) 749-3122 Access Code: 599-936-205

A copy of the budget document may be inspected online at www.sistersfire.com or obtained by mail on or after May 8, 2020, via email request to

spor@sistersfire.com or phone request to (541) 549-0771.

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# **Dispose** of yard debris for free

Central Oregonians are staying home to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. This time at home provides a unique opportunity to prepare for fire season and take advantage of free yard debris recycling events.

Wildfire season is quickly approaching and Central Oregon has had a drier than average winter this year. Due to the dry winter, Sisters Country is seeing low fuel moisture levels and the long term forecast looks like we could have an early fire season in the Pacific Northwest. This means there is an elevated risk of larger fires, so Central Oregon fire personnel are already gearing up for a busy fire season.

COVID-19 could create some increased challenges to our fire season. Keeping wildland firefighters healthy and adhering to social distancing through this wildland season may be difficult. The goal will be to keep wildland fires small and focus on prevention efforts. This is where our community can help by preparing their homes and creating defensible space to get it fire ready.

Residents are asked to wear masks when they drop off their yard debris and to keep an appropriate space between themselves and other vehicles. Department of Solid Waste staff will conduct FireFree events to allow for proper physical distancing between participants.

This year, Deschutes County will offer expanded FireFree event dates from May 9 to May 24 at Knott Landfill and local transfer stations, including Sisters: Northwest Transfer Station; Wed. through Sat., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 68200 Fryrear Rd.

### **MOTHER'S DAY:**

106-year-old holiday is not canceled

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are celebrating the holiday at home or even away from the women that you love.

Although some Mother's Day traditions such as going to the spa and fancy dinners are next-to-impossible this May, remember, Mother's Day isn't canceled. With some creativity and preparation, you can give your mom or mother of your children the special day she deserves.

For those of you who made plans to visit your mom this weekend - a virtual Mother's Day will do thanks to FaceTime, Skype, WhatsApp and Zoom, the video chat can be almost as good as the real deal. Your mom would be thrilled if she sat down in front of her computer on Mother's Day and discovered you arranged a virtual Zoom party with family and favorite friends.

Buy her a book on her favorite subject and shop locally at Paulina Springs Bookstore in Sisters.

What about baking with the kids? It's a learning activity and a lot of fun, whether you're figuring out how to make zucchini brownies work or going for donuts and cookies.

Small gestures that demonstrate your love and appreciation that are easy to make such as crafting a Mother's One Skillet Chicken Fajitas

- 2 Tbsp. olive oil, divided 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 medium green bell peppers, halved, seeded, and cut into thin strips
- 1 yellow bell pepper, halved, seeded, and cut into thin strips
- 1 red bell pepper, halved, seeded, and cut into thin strips
- 3 large shallots, halved lengthwise and thinly sliced
- 2 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken breasts or thighs
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. black pepper

1 Tbsp. chili powder 2 tsp. ground cumin 2 tsp. smoked paprika 6 flour tortillas, warmed Roasted tomato salsa

Heat one tablespoon oil in a large skillet (cast iron works best) Add garlic, bell peppers, and shallots. Season with salt and pepper, and cook stirring often, until vegetables are soft and lightly charred, 10 to 12 minutes. Transfer vegetables to a plate and set aside. Do not wipe skillet clean.

Season chicken evenly with the chili powder, cumin and paprika on both sides. Heat remaining olive oil in skillet over high heat. Add chicken and cook until browned and a meat thermometer inserted in the thickest part registers 165°, about 12 minutes per side for breasts, 8 minutes per side for thighs. Transfer chicken to cutting board and let rest 5 minutes. Cut chicken crosswise into thin strips. Do not wipe

Return vegetables to skillet and cook stirring often until heated through, about 2 minutes. Turn off heat, add chicken and toss to combine. Serve with warm tortillas and salsa.

Day card. A little celebration can go a long way.

It's no secret that the biggest treat for moms on Mother's Day is the chance to have someone else do the washing, cleaning, and cooking.

Surprise your mom or wife with fresh coffee, orange juice, and pancakes with breakfast in bed. This is an easy solution to keep your kids engaged and excited, while cooking up something delicious for mom.

If the weather's good, be sure to get outside and take a socially distanced walk with the family, including the dog.

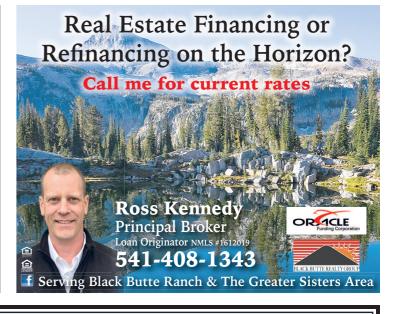
Then pull out all the stops with a homemade evening meal that will warm her heart — especially because she won't have to do a thing. Including the dishes.

## **SUDOKU SOLUTION**

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